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New clampdown on Eastern-bloc diplomats for spying

Four Czechs expelled after defector talks

- **Britain expelled four Czechoslovak diplomats six days after 11 Soviet envoys and journalists were ordered out**
- **They were accused of spying on information from a Prague secret service official who defected last year**
- **Mrs Thatcher defended both sets of expulsions in the Commons, but it is understood the two are not linked**
- **Whitehall hopes the affair will not seriously damage recent improvements in Anglo-Czechoslovak relations**

By Michael Evans, Andrew McEwen and Philip Webster

Information supplied by a defector, Mr Vlastimil Ludvik, a senior member of the STB, Prague's secret intelligence service, led to Britain's decision yesterday to expel four members of the Czechoslovak Embassy in London.

They were ordered out only six days after the expulsions of 11 Soviet diplomats and journalists. But this appears to have been a coincidence.

The Czechoslovaks were accused of "activities incompatible with their status", the standard diplomatic formula for spying.

The Times understands that Mr Ludvik supplied the names of key Czechoslovak intelligence agents operating in Britain. He had been working as a first secretary in the Czechoslovak Embassy in Delhi, the Indian capital, when he approached the British before Christmas last year and said that he wanted to defect. He went missing in Delhi on December 16 and his car was found abandoned with his identity card and driving licence inside.

Described in the intelligence world as "a walk-in", he was brought out of Delhi by officers of MI6, the British intelligence service. But when his defection was announced in January, it was claimed that he had made his own way to Britain. He was given political asylum and is now living in the UK.

At the time, he was not regarded as an important defector, but intelligence sources said yesterday that his move was soon recognized as "quite a coup" for Britain.

The sources said that he was debriefed over a long period. It is normal practice for British intelligence to wait until all a defector's claims have been investigated before recommending expulsions.

The sources added that he played no part in the expulsions of the 11 Soviet citizens.

Mrs Thatcher defended both sets of expulsions in the Commons yesterday. She was asked by a Labour MP whether the Government's actions were threatening the improved relations between Britain and the Soviet Union.

She replied: "Action had to be taken regardless of the effect upon relations. The worst thing would have been to say that, because we have better relations, we should ignore these unacceptable activities."

Other sources said that the timing had nothing to do with next week's Nato summit. "We take action when we have to. It is forced upon us by the activities of those involved," one official said.

The Czechoslovaks ordered out were Dr Helena Krepelkova, aged 38, a second secretary, Mr Jan Pavlicek, aged 39, and Mr Jan Sarkocy, aged 35, both third secretaries, and Mr Rudolph Kasparovsky, aged 35, a technical adviser. Since April 1986, at least 14 other Czechoslovak officials have been expelled from Western countries.

The decision may put in question a visit Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, hopes to make to Czechoslovakia and East Germany soon. But the Government emphasized its wish to continue the recent improvement in Anglo-Czechoslovak relations, despite the expulsions.

Whitehall sources said it was hoped that the incident could be treated as an isolated matter which the two countries would quickly put behind them. But this seemed less likely after a statement from the Czechoslovak Embassy, which said that the British move would obstruct promising relations.

Mr Jan Fidler, the Czechoslovak Ambassador, said yesterday that he "resolutely denied the totally unfounded allegations".

He held a meeting at the Foreign Office which lasted only six minutes and was described as "businesslike".

Mr Fidler was seen by Sir John Fretwell, the political director, who last week had the task of informing Mr

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The Soviet Union has opened a human rights case against Britain under a new international procedure in an apparent attempt to counter Whitehall's criticism of Soviet human rights abuses. Page 11

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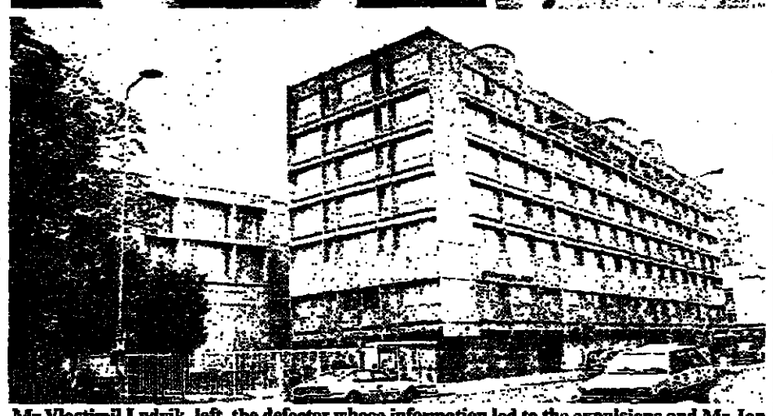

Mr Vlastimil Ludvik, left, the defector whose information led to the expulsions and Mr Jan Fidler, the Czechoslovak Ambassador. Below, the Czechoslovak Embassy, west London.

Thatcher gives Lawson a vote of confidence

By Philip Webster and Rodney Lord

The Prime Minister publicly rallied to Mr Nigel Lawson yesterday, amid growing criticism of his handling of the economy and the publication of figures showing that Britain's trade deficit is £1.66 billion.

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Lawson staged a display of solidarity in the Commons in the face of persistent suggestions of a rift between the two over who was to blame for the economic difficulties.

The day after interest rates rose a point to 14 per cent, it was announced that Britain's trade gap in April had widened by nearly £500 million.

Mr Lawson sat beside Mrs Thatcher in the Commons as she icily denied a claim by a Conservative backbencher that there was confusion among Conservative MPs over economic policy.

To Labour jeers, she brushed aside allegations of a disagreement with Mr Lawson.She said his policies had given people the "highest standard of living ever known" and the highest standard of social services.

She insisted that the latest interest rate rise was necessary to lower inflation and that part of the reason for the widening trade gap was higher investment by British firms.

The April trade figures, for which the City had been nervously waiting, turned out to be only a little worse than the average expectation.

The deficit rose from £1.68 billion to £2.16 billion, leaving a current account deficit after the estimated £500 million a month surplus on invisible trade in services of £1.66 billion.

The pound fell against the mark and had to be supported by the Bank of England, closing 0.67 pfennigs down at DM3.1519. However, the dollar had a setback after its recent strong advance and sterling's effective value was unchanged at 93.1.

The deficit was the fourth biggest on record. In the first four months of the year, the current account has been running at an annual deficit of £18 billion, but the Treasury said it continued to expect an improvement in the second half of the year and its forecast of £14.5 billion for the year was unchanged.

With Tory MPs privately voicing misgivings over the latest economic news, Mr Lawson reported to the Cabinet about the current economic situation, emphasizing that he would do whatever it took to hold down inflation.

In an apparent move to demonstrate Cabinet unity,

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New parliament questions Gorbachov's private life

Moscow (Reuter) — President Gorbachov, under tough questioning on his private life and handling of state affairs, told the Soviet Union's new-style parliament yesterday that there had been major failures in his reform policy.

But he appeared headed for certain election by deputies as the country's first executive president after the registration of one alternative candidate was refused by a majority vote and another Kremlin rebel, Mr Boris Yeltsin, declined to stand.

"There have been mistakes, there have been major failures," President Gorbachov told the legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies which was meeting for the first time since history-making elections in March.

"There have been disasters which could have been avoided," he told the 2,155 deputies in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses, who quickly divided into a minority of radicals and a majority clearly preferring a more traditional approach.

In scenes unprecedented since the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917, deputies mingled praise for Mr Gorbachov with demands for him to explain the dire state of the economy and the fast-growing problem of ethnic tensions.

"Please tell us, is it right to use the army for punitive operations against the people?" an Estonian woman deputy, Ms Marju Lauristin, asked the Kremlin leader in a reference to the killing of 21 Georgians by troops in Tbilisi last month.

"Was a country house built for you in the Crimea?" asked a Leningrad representative, and one speaker read a telegram from his constituents querying the role of President Gorbachov's wife, Raisa.

According to the deputy from the Ukraine, the telegram read: "You are unable to avoid the influence of flattery and that of your wife."

Many of the 2,155 deputies present in the vast hall gasped as the questions to Mr Gorbachov, sitting in the *presidium behind the podium*, became increasingly direct. Some sent up notes to the platform asking for the debate to be ended.

After almost two hours of increasingly frank discussion, President Gorbachov himself took the podium to declare: "What is happening in this hall is totally out of the ordinary for all of us."

And he added to thunderous applause: "And I see it as the most convincing proof that *perestroika* is pressing firmly ahead."

Kinnock objection halts interview

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Precisely what Mr Neil Kinnock said to BBC *World at One* presenter James Naughtie in a "private conversation" was the subject of intense speculation at Westminster yesterday.

An interview with Mr Kinnock, prerecorded for the *lunchtime programme*, was interrupted and Mr Naughtie told listeners: "At that point our interview with Mr Kinnock was suspended because he objected to the line of questioning."

Mr Naughtie had been interviewing Mr Kinnock about the economic situation and Labour's remedy.

At what Labour sources said was Mr Naughtie's fourth time of asking the same question, Mr Kinnock broke in and demanded to know why he was being asked the same question over and over again. Within hours the word at Westminster was that Mr Kinnock swore at the interviewer, an old personal friend.

Labour sources said Mr Kinnock was justified in complaining that he was being given no time to make his case.

Mrs Thatcher had clearly listened in. Asked by Mr Michael Brown whether she had ever suspended an interview on the *World at One* because she objected to the line of questioning, Mrs Thatcher said she had not.

To the delight of supporters she twisted the knife: "I was absolutely appalled at what happened today. Clearly Mr Kinnock could never take a place at this dispatch box because he would object to the line of questioning."

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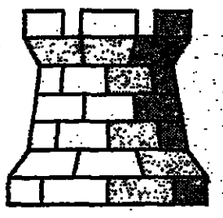

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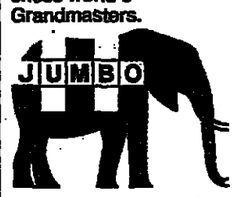

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- Plus, the 20-page colour Property section looks at making a church a home.

PORTFOLIO BOND

- There were no winners of yesterday's £2,000 prize, but five readers redeemed their bonds. Today's game: page 33

England win

England beat Australia by 95 runs to win the first of the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals at Old Trafford yesterday.....Page 48

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KGB attacks 'spying' by British journalists

By Nicholas Beeston

The KGB yesterday claimed that three British journalists who were expelled from Moscow had been engaged in a variety of cloak-and-dagger activities, including telephone tapping, recruiting an agent and displaying interest in military installations.

The KGB allegations, which were denied by the three — Angus Roxburgh of *The Sunday Times*, Ian Glover-James of Independent Television News, and Jeremy Harris of BBC Radio — were made at a press conference reported by Tass. The KGB offered no evidence to back its claims.

The correspondents and eight British diplomats on Sunday were given two weeks to leave the Soviet Union in retaliation for the expulsion from Britain of 11 Soviet officials and journalists.

"Competent organs possess information that testifies to the involvement of these journalists with British intelligence services," Mr Vladimir Strunin, of the KGB, said.

The accusations against

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BBC hit by 24-hour stoppage

By Richard Evans Media Editor

BBC broadcasting unions began the first of their "lightning" 24-hour strikes at midnight — with a £1 million Dennis Potter drama production as their main target.

The latest industrial action by more than half of the BBC's 28,000 workforce is in pursuit of a 16 per cent pay claim.

The BBC, which pays staff well below the rate offered by commercial television and national newspapers, has made a "final offer" of 7 per cent plus increased London weighting.

Today's stoppage will not only severely disrupt news and current affairs coverage but is also aimed at hitting the production of *Blackeyes*, written by Dennis Potter. The BBC will be forced to spend extra cash to get it completed, say union officials.

Hose pipe ban as temperature dives

By David Sapsted

Temperatures nose-dived by 20°F or more across much of Britain yesterday but the continued absence of sustained rain resulted in hosepipe bans being imposed for the first time this year by two water authorities.

Londoners — basking in 85°F heat only 24 hours earlier — saw thermometers struggle to reach 64°F. That, though, was almost 10°F warmer than in East Anglia, the area worst affected as the wind backed to a chilly north-easterner.

The London Weather Centre, however, had cheerier news for the bank holiday weekend. Although it will remain cool over most of Britain today and tomorrow, rain is likely to be light and confined to southern England and northern Scotland. There is a promise of temperatures picking up again on Sunday.

That news, however, brought little comfort to Southern Water and South-West Water. Although both authorities have had the storms in the past 48 hours that produced flash floods in many parts of the country, the rain did practically nothing to ease water problems in the two areas.

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Some 120,000 South-West customers along the coastal strip from Exmouth to Lyme Regis have been told not to use hoses. Southern Water imposed a ban in the areas around Arundle, Littlehampton, Worthing, Brighton, Hove and Horsham.

Although storms had moved away by last night, freak conditions still affected some areas, notably Taunton in Devon, which was bombarded by one-inch hailstones.

Lord Mackay loses appeal against suspension

By Kerry Gill

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, lost his fight against the extreme wing of the staunchly Protestant Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland yesterday. He is now certain to leave the church of which he has been a member all his life.

The church synod, meeting in Inverness, voted to reject an appeal against his suspension as an elder and from taking communion for six months.

Lord Mackay's suspension will be lifted in six months after showing evidence of repentence. His crime was to attend Roman Catholic Requiem Masses for Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Wheatley.

Immediately after the decision, taken by 33 votes to 27, two ministers protested and walked out of the synod, effectively leaving the church. A woman ran out crying.

One minister who spoke of the dangers of rejecting the appeal, said the decision would make the church "stink" throughout the Highlands, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Although a victory for the hardline element in the Free Presbyterians, it was won at the greatest cost for the church in its 96-year history.

Mr Desmond Biggerstaff, an elder of Lord Mackay's church in Edinburgh, signed a protest and walked out. He told *The Times*: "It is my intention to leave the church. What has happened here today makes it intolerable." Mr Biggerstaff said it was only a matter of time before Lord Mackay's minister, the Reverend Angus Morrison, left.

Four ministers and one elder of the Southern Presbytery, which originally imposed the sentence on the Lord Chancellor, said they could not "acquiesce" with the decision. A minister said they would make their final appeal to God. When told that was out of order, he said: "The assistant clerk cannot interfere with my appeal to Christ.

Two ministers from Canada, the Rev Douglas Beattie, and the Rev Malcolm MacInnes, also protested and walked out. The decision had clearly caused the biggest split in the church last night, Mr Beattie said.

Mr MacInnes, from Toronto, issued a statement saying: "Neither my conscience nor my ordination vows allow me to act or to associated in any way with the imposition of discipline upon Lord Mackay of Clashfern or the future interference by the church in matters of private judgement.

A mass exodus from the church is likely with many adherents following elders and ministers.

Lord Mackay, a Free Presbyterian elder for 30 years, is widely expected to review his church membership and may join an evangelical movement in England.

He is likely to take several weeks deliberating but it is clear that, if he is to retain his liberty of conscience, he cannot both remain within the

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NEWS ROUNDUP

London flat drops £200,000 in price

A two-bedroomed London apartment overlooking Tower Bridge in Docklands has had its price reduced by £200,000, one third of the original asking price of £650,000, in an attempt to attract a buyer in the present slow property market (Christopher Warman writes).

The apartment is in the refurbished Anchor Brewery, a listed building on the south bank, east of the bridge, which has its own swimming pool, gym, sauna and solarium along with a water garden and river jetty. The sale is advertised in the magazine *Digest*. Mr Terry Walker, *Digest's* publisher, yesterday said the businessman owner, who has several other properties, wanted a quick sale to put the proceeds into other ventures.

"We have been tracking Dockland prices for months and this is the biggest cut yet. But, conversely, a penthouse on the Isle of Dogs has just gone for £520,000 within two hours of coming on the market," he said. Sales of many estate agents are down by up to 50 per cent compared with the same time last year before the boom ended.

Coverage scrapped

The BBC World Service has scrapped plans to have a correspondent in Moscow or to cover the Commonwealth Games because of staff pay claims and inflation (Richard Evans writes).

Vacant jobs will also remain unfilled after a cost-cuting exercise aimed at pruning £750,000. The cuts come only a week after Mr John Tusa, the managing director, warned the Commons foreign affairs select committee that the World Service faced a finanical crisis next year. Further pruning may still be necessary to reach the savings target.

Blockade injunction

A High Court judge yesterday granted an injunction banning Greenpeace, the environmental pressure group, from blockading the MV Mancunium sludge disposal vessel in Southampton docks, or approaching within two miles (Mark Souster writes).

Southern Water Authority had said it would meet Greenpeace if the blockade was removed, but yesterday Mr William Courtney, the chairman, said: "I don't see why we should talk to irresponsible people who take the law into their own hands for cheap publicity purposes."

MEP on flight charge

Mr Richard Cottrell, Tory European MP for Bristol and Bath, was accused of behaviour likely to endanger the lives of aircraft passengers after an incident on a Frankfurt-Heathrow flight on Tuesday night. He was bailed to appear before Uxbridge magistrates, west London, on June 26.

Yesterday, he said he had told a Lufthansa stewardess that he had a phobia about wearing aircraft seatbelts but was told he would be arrested if he did not put on his belt. He said he then complained to the captain before returning to his seat where he fastened his belt. He was arrested at Heathrow.

Fraudsters jailed

Two men were jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for an attempted £1.1 million life insurance fraud. Mr John Keogh, aged 46, a property dealer, of Cupar, Fife, was jailed for four years, and Mr Peter Cracknell, aged 39, an insurance consultant, of Rayleigh, Essex, for three years, for trying to cash policies taken out on Mr William Stewart, aged 53, an associate of Keogh's, after he drowned when his car crashed into a Swiss lake. The pair denied fraud.

Barmaid acquitted

A barmaid who admitted strangling her boy friend with his own tie was acquitted of murder and manslaughter at the Central Criminal Court yesterday Miss Lisa Tregear, aged 22, killed Mr Christopher Dear, aged 24, at their flat in Homer Street, Marylebone, west London, as he attacked her with a piece of broken vase, the court was told. She later ran to a police station and said she had not meant to kill Mr Dear but had acted in self-defence.

NUM membership declines to 69,000

By Roland Rudd
Employment Affairs Reporter

Membership of the National Union of Mineworkers has fallen to an all-time low of 69,000 and is expected to decline further causing severe financial and organizational problems, it was disclosed yesterday.

The figures are contained in a confidential union document passed to *The Times*. It says the union has to recognize the "dramatic reduction" by facing up to problems that are threatening to relegate it to the sidelines of the trade union movement.

Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, recently accepted that his union's membership, which is officially 90,847, had dropped below 80,000. The latest figure, coupled with gloomy projections for the future, means union membership could be less than 50,000 within a year.

When the union came into existence in 1944 it had more than 650,000 members. By the the time of the 1984-85 year-long miners' strike it was just below 200,000.

Since the end of the dispute in March 1985, the decline intensified with an annual reduction of about 25,000 jobs. The document accepts for the first time that total manpower in the industry "available" for membership is below 90,000.

The slump has caused the worst financial crisis in the union's history. Mr Scargill has won the support of his excutive for sweeping organizational changes resulting in the abolition of 16 of the union's 33 full-time officials and the dismissal of 34 staff.

The average cost of a full-time official is about £44,000. Mr Scargill believes that if the executive had not carried out his controversial plan to save the union from bankruptcy it would now be in the red by £1.25 million.

A sub-committee is to examine expenditure with the aim of ending the imprest system, where money is advanced on loan, which has allowed areas to charge various activities to the national NUM account.

The worst affected areas have been outside Mr Scargill's Yorkshire power base. Although the axing of full-time officials has been proportional to the membership of each area it has caused bitterness and dismay among his opponents.

Mr Des Dutfield, president of the South Wales miners, which is to lose two of its three full-time officials, said the cuts took no account that his area had the highest proportion of pensioners to active members.

Relations between South Wales and the leadership deteriorated further yesterday when Mr George Rees, general secretary, sought a High Court injunction preventing the issue of ballot papers to the union's members because they do not say he was nominated by the South Wales area.

At an executive meeting earlier this month, Mr Scargill said that South Wales had not conformed to the method of nomination laid down by the executive which says nominations should come from branches.

● Productivity in Britain's mines is at record levels and accidents are at an all-time low, British Coal claimed yesterday.

Mr John Northard, deputy chairman, said output per miner had increased by 90 per cent during the past four years while the accident rate had dropped by two thirds since 1979.

"Thanks to new technology and equipment, we have not only been able to achieve better production target, but also the concomitant benefit of a safer environment for those working underground."

Family doctors will back Government contract, says poll

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Family doctors are likely to support the new contract agreed by the Government and general practitioner leaders last month, in spite of misgivings about its content, according to a poll published today.

But the poll of 4,700 GPs, published in the *General Practitioner* magazine, shows deep divisions within the profession. Almost 40 per cent of GPs said they would work under the deal, but 30 per cent were opposed and the rest undecided. More than 77 per cent of practitioners felt their leader, Dr Michael Wilson, could have achieved a better deal.

The results suggest, however, that GPs will be prepared to work under the new terms which link their pay more closely with their ability to attract patients and reach targets in preventive health. That may be explained in part by the fact that if GPs reject the contract at their annual conference on June 21, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health, is expected to impose a tougher deal.

Under the new contract, 60 per cent of GPs' pay will come from capitation fees and bonus payments will be made for reaching two levels of screening targets. Although Dr Wilson managed to achieve concessions in several areas, including the staged targets, Mr Clarke would not give any ground on the capitation figure. A significant number of doctors feel that will force them to take more people on their list, reducing the time spent with each patient.

More than four out of five GPs said they were unhappy with the contract. Only 10 per cent of said they were fairly happy and less than 2 per cent said they were happy.

The overwhelming majority of respondents thought the new contract did not provide the best deal for patients.

Last week the British Medical Association sent out a detailed report promoting the package to the country's 32,000 GPs. In the foreword Dr Wilson asked GPs to "assess the package as a whole" before making a decision. The magazine poll was taken one week after the agreement was announced but before the GPs saw the report.

Yesterday the BMA responded cautiously to the survey. "It accurately reflects the opinion of doctors at the time. The information which has been given out since will help the large numbers of doctors who are undecided to come to a decision."

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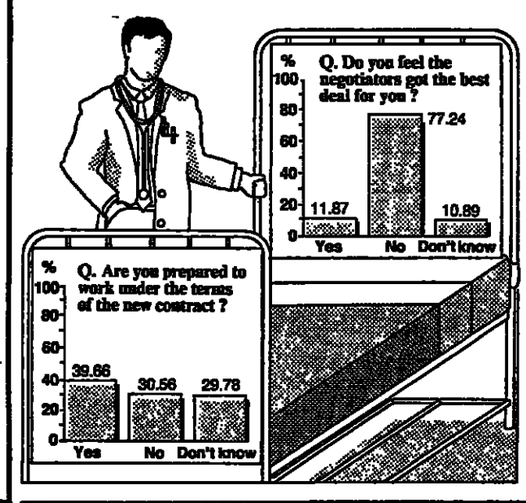

Tenor takes opera to Piazza

PETER TRIEVNOR

Placido Domingo, the international opera star, who is appearing at a gala performance of *Il Trovatore* on June 19 in aid of the Royal Opera House development appeal, in the Covent Garden Piazza yesterday where 8,000 people will watch the live performance on a big screen.

Satellite television

BSB launch delay inquiry

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

British Satellite Broadcasting, which confirmed yesterday it would not launch three channels until the spring next year, faces a formal investigation into allegations that it misled potential viewers over its start-up date and supposed technical superiority.

An official complaint has been lodged with the Advertising Standards Authority by Sky Television after BSB's high-profile campaign for a planned launch next September and the advantages of its "squarial" satellite receiver.

Mr Andrew Neil, executive chairman of Sky Television, said: "BSB is all show and no go. We are up and running and now there can be no doubt as to the outcome of this competition."

The official admission by BSB that it has had to put back its original September launch date by six months raises serious doubts about the £625 million BSB venture after a combination of technical and financial difficulties.

There is industry speculation that BSB may never get off the ground.

Sky Television, owned by Mr Rupert Murdoch, is determined to cash in on the company's misfortune.

Mr Neil announced yesterday that £70 decoders needed to receive "scrambled" films screened by Sky would be provided for free. The company is expected to cut the cost of its film channel to less than £10 a month.

Mr Neil said: "We have yet to determine the exact date that Sky Movies will be scrambled. But it is now certain that Sky's pay-TV service will be fully operational before BSB is even launched, if it ever is."

Today newspaper, which is also owned by Mr Murdoch, has increased its circulation by 90,000 since starting a free satellite dish promotion this week. An offer is also being made in *The Sun*.

Mr Anthony Simmonds-Gooding, chief executive of BSB, confirmed it had delayed its launch at a hastily-called press conference last night.

He announced that a "showcase" channel, including some of the best programming from BSB, would be screened in public houses, clubs and on cable television this autumn.

He said BSB finances were sufficient to take the company to its revised launch date, although he admitted it had to be more careful with money.

Threat of drought at flower show

By Ruth Gledhill

The Chelsea Flower Show has been one of the best yet in spite of record high temperatures and near-drought conditions which have left prized blooms wilting.

Exhibitors complained of water shortages at hotels in the Chelsea area after the Putney reservoir ran dry for the first time since 1976, but they praised the Royal Horticultural Society for arrangements which kept plants well watered throughout the show.

The crisis eased yesterday with the cooler weather and the previous day's storm helped to fill the reservoir.

Mr David Stevens, designer of the B&Q garden which won the award for the best garden in the show, said: "We have been staying on the top floor of a hotel and we have not had any water at all, we have not been able to shower. However our plants are fine. There has been enough water here to water them morning and night."

Mr Geoff Whiten, designer of two gardens sponsored by Bradstone Garden Products, said it had taken him 90 minutes to water his 30ft by 40ft stand because the water pressure was so low.

Mr Chris Brickell, the society's director general, said: "I went to my first Chelsea in 1950 and I have never known the weather to be like this before.

"At one stage we were prepared to bring in a tanker of water because we thought we were about to run out."

Tickets are still available on the gate for today, the last day of the show.

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Bar survey shows a rise in proportion of black lawyers

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

Ethnic minorities are better represented at the Bar in England and Wales than among the working population as a whole, according to a survey to be published today.

In spite of a clear rise in the proportion of black and Asian barristers among young members of the profession, however, the study found that improvements are needed in the distribution of ethnic minority barristers in chambers.

Only four QCs (or less than 1 per cent of the profession) and 248 junior barristers were from the ethnic minorities. The study, conducted for the Bar in 1987-1988 shows that overall ethnic minority groups are, at 6 per cent, proportionately better represented in the profession that in the economically active population of England and Wales, where the figure is 4 per cent.

The term ethnic minority was used to identify people whose families did not originally come from Europe.

Mr Justice Brooke, chairman of the Bar's race relations committee, said that while such barristers were practising from chambers where 10 years ago there were no ethnic minorities, "progress had been too slow".

The Bar, he said, should underline the need for established sets of chambers to admit greater numbers of blacks and Asians.

In 1987-1988, 10 per cent of barristers admitted to a set of chambers and 12 per cent of those admitted as trainees were black or Asian. However, such barristers were more likely to be found in London chambers than on the circuit, and in new sets of chambers than established ones.

The survey showed that black and Asian tenants were concentrated in relatively few sets of chambers. Sixteen sets with four or more black or Asian tenants contained 53 per cent of all such tenants in the sample.

The proportion of trainee barristers undertaking pupillage who were from the ethnic minority was 13 per cent in London, but only 7 per cent outside the capital.

Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the Bar, said the fact that the survey had been undertaken showed that the Bar was determined to prevent discrimination. "The results are encouraging, but there is still much to be done," he said.

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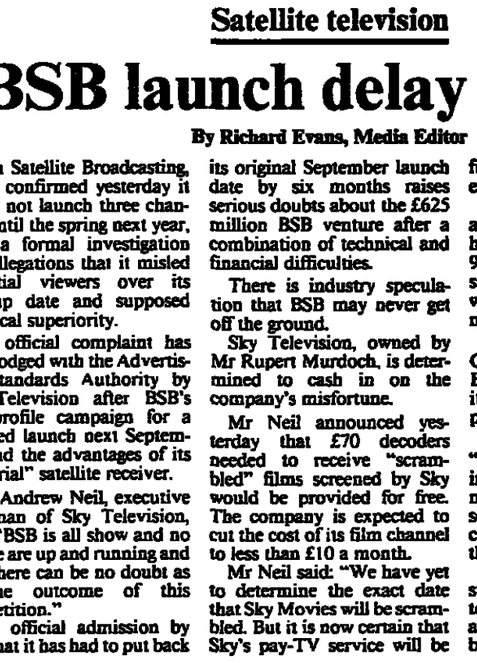

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Royal tour of Jersey

Stuffed mallards honour visiting Queen

By Alan Hamilton

In a ceremony as obscure as it is antique, an elderly gentleman yesterday knelt shakily before the Queen, clasped her white-gloved hands, recited a medieval French oath and presented her with two stuffed ducks.

The Queen eyed the mallards warily as they stared unblinking back at her, rigid from a recent spell in Major John Reilly's deep freeze.

As Seigneur of Fief of the Parish of Trinity in the island of Jersey, it is a condition of Major Reilly's tenure that he must present two mallards to his sovereign should she happen by.

The Queen quickly gave the birds a token touch, and they were whisked back to cold storage out of the extreme noon day heat.

Watched by several dozen holders of the island's innumerable surviving feudal posts and offices, arcanely robed as though for an amateur production of *The Mikado*, the Queen received a ceremonial act of homage from Jersey's 12 Seigneurs, the equivalent of lords of the manor amid the thirteenth century ruins of Mont Orgeuil castle.

Sir Peter Crill, the bailiff of Jersey, arrayed in scarlet and ermine, with a French judge's *toque* on his head, as though he had landed the part of Lord High executioner, introduced the ceremony in French in an accent reminiscent of Mr Edward Heath.

The Queen replied in French, spoken with infinitely more panache, that it was "our good pleasure to receive this chief tenant offering favour and homage".

Beside Sir Peter, who looked flushed in the blistering heat, the Queen appeared perfectly cool in a pale blue dress and broad-brimmed blue hat.

Twelve men bent down before her, placed their hands between hers, and swore: "Je suis votre homme Liege."

Two of the Seigneurs were, however, excused their ancient duty of riding into the sea to the girth of their horses to greet their sovereign. They would have had difficulty as the Royal Yacht Britannia was moored at the quayside off the new £18.5-million Elizabeth Harbour, which the Queen opened when she stepped ashore.

She also received a loyal address from the bailiff, who is Jersey's prime minister, and Lord Chief Justice combined in a single, somewhat undemocratic office in the parliament building. Sir Peter drew an unlikely comparison between Jersey and the Falklands.

"We have been reminded by events in the South Atlantic of the vulnerability of small islands such as ours and the extent to which they depend for their security and well-being on Your Majesty's forces," he said, adding that the island had recently formed the loyal Jersey Militia, a Royal Engineers Territorial Army field squadron.

The unit was formed as a token contribution to the Ministry of Defence, which is responsible for the island's security. However, the greatest external threat to Jersey is probably the shadow cabinet which occasionally casts a baleful eye over offshore tax havens.

Vast crowds for an island of only 80,000 permanent inhabitants packed the streets of St Helier to see the Queen. Several thousand more turned out to see her visit a fete on a government farm in the middle of the island, where she stopped to discuss tomatoes with Miss Rosemary Collier, of the Jersey Agriculture Department.

"Its the spraying that is doing the damage," the Queen said. Miss Collier assured her that all Jersey tomatoes were grown without sprays.

She later met the world's most famous Jerseyman, and his equally famous Triumph Roadster.

Mr John Nettles has recently been granted permission to take up residence in the island in honour of his portrayal of the Jersey television detective Bergerac.

"It was certainly about time you were given permission to live here," the Queen told him. "And that," said Det Sgt Jim Bergerac, "was exceedingly kind of her".

He does not, however, qualify for the stuffed ducks.

Clairvoyants face uncertain future

By Andrew Morgan

Clairvoyants in Jersey were considering action yesterday after the continued banning of professional future-gazing by the island's parliament, the States, after a report from its legislation committee.

The psychics are considering a campaign to bring the law into line with Britain, where clairvoyancy is illegal only where deception is involved. The ban was implemented last year when Mr Philip Bailhache, Jersey's Attorney General, asked the police to order Mrs Diane Postlethwaite to stop charging for psychic services. Visiting mediums were also banned in spite of a poll by the *Evening Post*, Jersey, which found that only one in 33 questioned opposed clairvoyance.

Senator Terry Le Main said there was talk of forming an opposition party on the ground of a curtailament to freedom. "A lot of people receive a great deal of comfort from this and is it for a politician to say we should stop this sort of thing in a free society?" he said.

Mrs Postlethwaite, a medium for 12 years, said she was told in a letter from the Attorney General that clairvoyancy was contrary to the common law of the island. It said nothing prevented her from exercising any "gift" she possessed, as long as she did not accept payment in any form.

Royal Mail

Managers agree on cash incentives to meet delivery target

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Royal Mail managers will be able to earn an additional £3,000 a year if they meet new letter targets designed to ensure that within five years 90 per cent of first-class mail is delivered the next day. The idea is part of a series of initiatives announced yesterday to counter criticism of the service.

All 63 letter district managers have agreed to try to improve delivery by 3 per cent a year. In some key areas in the South-east, single unemployed people are being recruited from Scotland, Wales and the north of England, to combat shortages of staff.

Earlier this week, the Mail Users' Association claimed the service was now so bad it should be dismantled and handled by a board of directors, nominated by customers.

Mr Bill Cockburn, managing director of the Royal Mail, yesterday admitted that the company was far from satisfied with the quality of service as demonstrated by figures based on letter-box to doormat deliveries.

Mr Tom Corrigan, chairman of the Post Office Users National Council, said: "To attain three percentage points improvement in a year will be far more than has been attained in any recent year.

"It is clearly necessary for the quality of service to improve significantly and quickly."

A key part of the planned improvements will be the introduction of direct road-based links for high volume mail transport between key districts. That will speed more of the nation's 54 million letters a day into main sorting offices by midnight, up to three hours earlier than now, giving an greater chance of next-day delivery.

As part of the improvement plan, starting in September, every household will receive a guide on how best to use the service and giving the best times for posting to different zones, providing a higher assurance of next-day delivery.

The initiative by local managers to recruit postmen from unemployment blackspots in the North is designed to fill chronic shortages caused by the competitive labour market in the South-east.

On average, the postmen earn £200 to £250 a week. Mr Cockburn said yesterday that the question of improving pay in areas of "negative unemployment" would have to be addressed. The company has already introduced a £30 million package of measures to attract recruits and retain staff.

On top of their earnings of between £25,000 and £35,000 a year, managers can earn up to 14 per cent more in bonuses but 70 per cent of that will be dependent on their achieving their new targets.

Figures based on independent research show that in April for first class mail, next-day delivery within a district was 78 per cent, to neighbouring districts, 87 per cent and long-distance, 65 per cent.

At his union conference in Bournemouth, Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said that he will be seeking a "substantial" increase for his 140,000 members in October.

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First-class celebration for Archers team

MARC ASPLAND

Members of *The Archers* cast and production team travelling first class yesterday to a celebration of their 10,000th episode and to name a Class 90 locomotive to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Royal Show. Norman Painting, who plays Phil Archer, unveiled the train's plaque.

Villagers at Lanlivery, near Bodmin in Cornwall, have recreated the mythical village of Ambridge to celebrate today's episode of the longest-running radio serial. The village public house has been renamed the Bull and local residents will dress up as their favourite character.

An Eddie Grundy look and sound-alike competition will also be held. A repeat of the 9,999th episode will be broadcast over loudspeakers and church bells will be rung to welcome the historic 10,000th episode. All money raised will go to a £50,000 appeal to renovate the village church.

Survey paints an optimistic picture of Britain in 1999

By John Young

About 50 per cent of Britons believe standards have declined in the past 10 years but expect an improvement by the end of the century.

Forty-seven per cent think Britain will be a better place in 1999, 28 per cent believe standards will be the same and 22 per cent think they will deteriorate, according to a survey by the Market Research Society.

It telephoned 1,110 people aged 15 or above at random between last Thursday and Monday, and found that half thought education standards had declined since 1979. Unemployment, the environment, the quality of television and football hooliganism had also worsened, they said. However, they believed standards in those categories would improve by 1999.

Respondents were notably pessimistic about the National Health Service and standards of journalistic behaviour. The survey, published yesterday, showed that 61 per cent thought the health service had deteriorated; 39 per cent thought it would continue to do so; and only 37 per cent expected it to improve.

Eighty-one per cent said invasion of privacy by the press had increased in the past 10 years. Only 26 per cent saw any hope of an improvement in standards.

More than four out of five thought there would be a still greater need for charities such as Save the Children by the end of the century. Seventy-one per cent thought a cure for cancer would be found; 50 per cent were optimistic about an Aids cure. Forty-one per cent thought the problem of overcrowding in prisons would be solved, and the same number expected fewer traffic jams on the M25.

Fifty per cent expected the Conservatives to be in power in 1999, and only 25 per cent Labour. More than four out of five said Britain would still have nuclear weapons. Just over half of those questioned thought women were more likely to be working, but nearly two-thirds expected a shorter working week.

Respondents forecast legislation against: smoking (77 per cent); entry into football matches without an identity card (74 per cent); drinking alcohol in the street (65 per cent); and advertising alcohol on television (55 per cent).

Most of those interviewed expected Britons to be eating more organic vegetables and fruit and consuming more low-alcohol drinks and mineral water.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Pope were each seen by 38 per cent of those questioned as still being influential figures in 1999. However, those thought likely to be wielding the great influence were Mikhail Gorbachov (59 per cent) and the EC (65 per cent).

Liverpool player is bound over

John Aldridge, the Liverpool football player, and his wife Joan verbally attacked police officers after their car crashed into a lamppost and they were arrested, a court was told yesterday.

The pair were "upset and overwrought" after the crash on April 8, and under the influence of alcohol said things they later regretted, Liverpool magistrates were told.

Charges of drunk and disorderly behaviour against the couple were formally withdrawn after they were bound over for £200 each to keep the peace for 12 months.

Joan Aldridge, aged 30, was breathalysed and found to be two-and-a-half times over the legal alcohol limit. She was fined £250 and banned from driving for 12 months.

● Paul Merson, the Arsenal forward, was banned from driving for 18 months yesterday and fined a total of £350. He was more than two-and-a-half times over the alcohol limit when he crashed his car twice in under half an hour on April 22, St Albans Magistrates' Court, Hertfordshire, was told.

Seizing criminals' gains

Britain seeks united EC stance

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The days of criminals being able to preserve their ill-gotten gains by carting them off to the Costa Brava may be limited.

Britain is seeking to persuade the justice ministers of other EC countries to adopt laws providing for the confiscation of the proceeds not only of drugs deals but of all other serious crimes, with bilateral agreements to make the sanctions work across frontiers.

In particular Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, is hoping to persuade his Spanish counterpart, at a meeting of European criminal justice ministers in San Sebastian, to agree to bring Spanish legislation to Britain's level. He also hopes he will support a bilateral agreement to confiscate proceeds of crime and return them to the country where the offences were committed.

Under the Drugs Trafficking Offences Act of 1986 British courts were given power to confiscate the proceeds of drug crimes. It will be disclosed this week that in the first 18 months the Act was in operation, £8 million worth of drug trafficking assets were confiscated and another £10 million worth seized pending trials.

Britain has since extended the confiscation provisions in the Criminal Justice Act, 1988, to proceeds of all serious crimes above £10,000 and at the Spanish meeting today Mr Patten will urge European colleagues to follow Britain's example. The Home Office believes that crime is steadily becoming more "pan-European" and that money is being laundered through Continental banks.

It wants to be able to seize the assets from jewel robberies, frauds and safety deposit box raids which at present may be left salted away on the Continent even if the criminals are apprehended and extradited to Britain to serve their sentences. European ministers will be told that the British authorities are prepared to act as a central agency for any country which signs a bilateral deal. Our authorities will then set before the courts requests for extradition and for the confiscation of assets of Continental criminals who have stored their assets in Britain.

Britain has already concluded bilateral agreements on the confiscation of drug crime assets with Switzerland, Canada, the Bahamas, Australia and the United States. Spain and Sweden are about to sign and agreements are in prospect with Italy, The Netherlands and Nigeria. However, there has been only limited progress so far with France and with West Germany.

Mr Patten said last night that efforts to win new bilateral deals on the confiscation of criminal assets were part of making Europe work on a strictly practical level. Britain was not prepared to wait years for a multilateral convention.

He said: "We must have powers to deprive criminals of financial hiding places. With the help of international reciprocal agreements we can deny professional croooks safe havens for their lucrative proceeds. We are the first country in Europe to take far-reaching powers to confiscate criminal assets, I hope others will follow quickly."

● Death and disease from alcohol abuse will increase in Britain when the open European market is introduced in 1992, a leading researcher has warned.

Dr Martin Plant, director of the Alcohol Research Group in Edinburgh, said the price of alcoholic drink in Britain would fall as duty across the EC was brought into line.

He said: "Things will get very much worse than they are right now." He yesterday helped to open Britain's second alcohol research unit at Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

Proposals from the European Commission could threaten the future of grouse shooting and deer stalking, government ministers believe. Under draft rules, designed to tighten the sale and slaughter of wild game, all carcasses must be inspected by an official veterinary surgeon after killing, and be transported hygienically to a processing house in refrigerated lorries. It will be unfit if it has "extensive injuries or localized lesions".

Mackay to consider changing libel law

By David Sapsted and Richard Ford

The Government is to consider changing Britain's libel law, it was disclosed yesterday, as concern mounted over the record £600,000 damages awarded by a High Court jury to Mrs Sonia Sutcliffe, wife of the "Yorkshire Ripper".

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the Commons, said Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would "consider proposals for reform in this area".

Although he did not specifically refer to the damages against *Private Eye*, Mr Wakeham told MPs: "I am aware that there has been recent criticism of a number of aspects of the law of defamation, including the size of some libel awards."

It would be up to the Lord Chancellor's Department to put forward reforms in the law, but the whole area of libel is likely to be investigated by the Home Office inquiry into the press and privacy, which is expected to disclose its terms of reference soon.

Mr Peter Cook, the comedian and major shareholder in *Private Eye*, and Mr Ian Hislop, the magazine's editor, announced yesterday that they would challenge Mrs Sutcliffe's £600,000 award and launch a public appeal for funds.

Pressdram, the company which owns the magazine, would be faced with bankruptcy if the damages were not substantially reduced, Mr Hislop said after a three-hour meeting with accountants at *Private Eye's* offices in Soho, central London. A legal challenge to the "ludicrous" award would be mounted as soon as possible.

"We don't have to pay the £600,000 damages until the appeal itself, which we want to be held as soon as possible. As I understand it, this will mean a retrial," he said.

The fortnightly magazine, with a readership of 200,000 and annual profits of about £100,000 on a £3 million turnover, appealed to "everybody everywhere" to send money to the "Ripperballs" appeal.

Mr Hislop said that if legal action resulted in the damages being reduced, any extra cash would be sent to women who survived attacks by Peter Sutcliffe or to relatives of the 13 victims killed by him.

Mr Gary Waller, Conservative MP for Keighley, who last week succeeded in obtaining a first reading in the Commons for his Defamation Bill to reform the libel laws, said he was amazed by the size of the award.

"I think there will be great public outrage about this. They will find it very difficult to accept that the wife of the Ripper should be the beneficiary of this enormous amount of money. The least she can do is give a considerable amount of the money to the victims of her husband's actions."

Mr Kerry Macgill, the solicitor who represented Sutcliffe at his trial in 1981, said, however, that the killer's victims should not expect any money from Mrs Sutcliffe.

"When claims for compensation were made, the only asset Peter Sutcliffe had was his share of the former matrimonial home. Sonia Sutcliffe wasn't the person convicted. She is a separate entity. I can understand the emotional feelings of people, but I don't see how legally a claim against her stands up."

Mr Cook owns 16,080 of the 26,143 shares in Pressdram, with the remainder split among a host of people. Mr Richard Ingrams, Mr Hislop's predecessor, and Mr David Cash, the managing director, each holds 4 per cent of the shares.

Libel is one of the only serious categories of civil action to be tried by jury. In other civil cases, the amount of damages is based on precedent and the Court of Appeal can decide its own figure if a case goes to appeal. That cannot happen in libel cases.

Unless both parties to the action agree to vary the damages, the Court of Appeal has no power to change the amount. All it can do is set aside the damages and order a retrial.

Yesterday the Court of Appeal ordered a new trial of the case of Mr Anthony Gliberthorpe, a former county councillor in Gloucestershire awarded libel damages of £49,080 over articles implying he was a homosexual suffering from Aids.

Three judges allowed an appeal by News Group Newspaper, publishers of *The Sun*, and Mirror Group Newspapers, which publishes the *Daily Mirror*.

They said fresh evidence, supplied by two men, alleging promiscuous homosexuality on the part of Mr Gilberthorpe, aged 27, of Draycott Place, Chelsea, south-west London, and Rosemary Close, Abbeydale, Gloucester, was admissable for the purposes of deciding an appeal.

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Mounting a challenge: Mr Peter Cook after yesterday's meeting.

Injury claim

Case 'turfed out by video'

By Mark Souster

A council employee yesterday dropped a compensation claim for a back injury which he claimed left him unable to tie even his shoelaces, after he was secretly filmed shovelling turf and walking his dog.

The "video nasty" was shown to a "flabbergasted" Mr Kenneth Bland at the High Court in London yesterday. He now faces possible prosecution for perjury.

Mr Bland, aged 52, had claimed the injury, suffered in 1986, left him unfit for work and virtually housebound. He sued Southwark council, in south London, after falling from a ladder at a children's home in Sidcup, Kent.

Unbeknown to him, on January 31 a private security company filmed him from a van outside his home in Crayford, Kent.

The half-hour colour film showed Mr Bland, a father of two, walking a dog, although he claimed walking distances was painful, and shovelling turf, although strenuous work was supposed to be out of the question. After the video was shown in the darkened court, his counsel, Mr Kieran May, asked for the action to be discontinued, saying that the most that could be proved was that Mr Bland had suffered a back strain "of the lowest level".

Deputy Judge Richard Southwell, QC, agreed and ruled that Mr Bland, who was supported by his union, the National Union of Public Employees, should pay all costs.

He also called for papers in the case to be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, and the Department of Social Security, from which Mr Bland receives benefits for his "disability".

Mr Southwell said that the video made it "abundantly clear that Mr Bland in January this year was a man with full use of his limbs".

He said that Mr Bland had deliberately set out to put forward a dishonest claim in court even though the film had proved that he well able to carry out his council duties as an assistant fire surveyor.

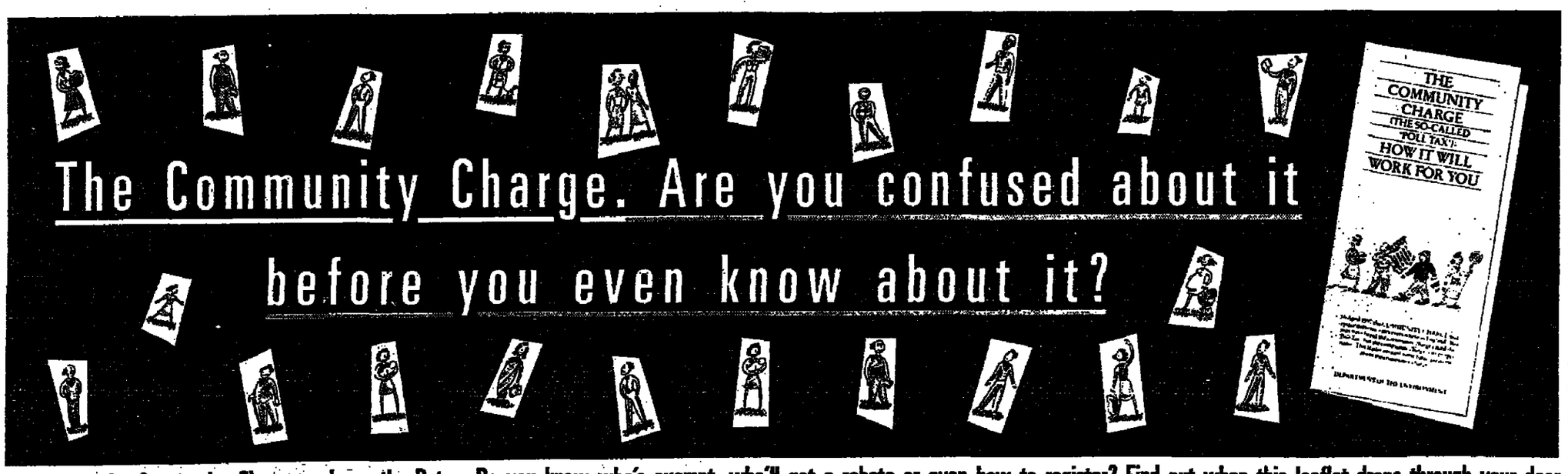
The court heard that Mr Bland had worked for London Fire Brigade for 20 years before he was medically retired with a shoulder injury. He then joined Southwark council, maintaining fire equipment in council properties.

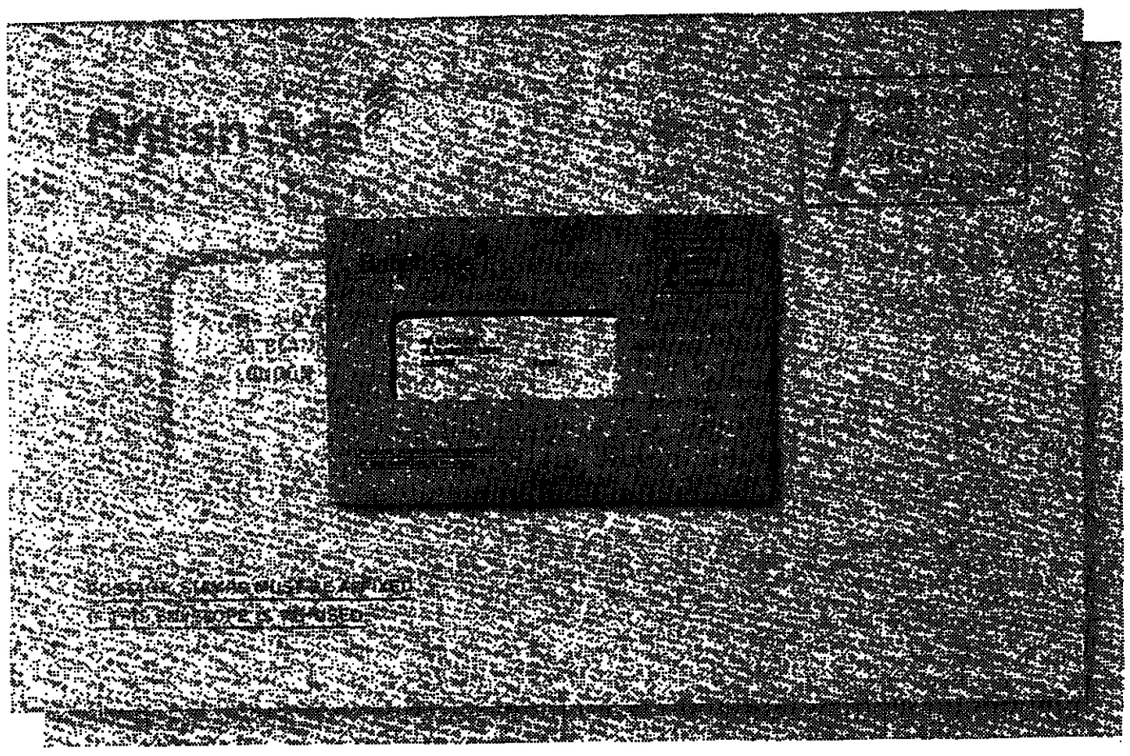
He claimed that he fell from a four-foot ladder while testing smoke detectors in The Hollies children's home, Sidcup, on July 3, 1986, causing severe back strain and persistent pain. He sued the council for negligence.

"My back is preventing me from doing a lot of things that I would normally do", Mr Bland told the court before the video was shown. "It's painful and it has ruined my life. In a way I was quite happy at work. I had a good job and I was earning quite a good wage.

"I was able to do quite a lot of things around the house, go swimming and play badminton, but I can't do any of these things now."

Mr Bland, who had also strongly denied that he was capable of gardening, gave no further evidence after the screening.





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Snap election for Ireland as Haughey takes gamble

By Jamie Dettmer, Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, ended weeks of speculation last night by announcing a snap general election for June 15 — the same day as the European elections.

The decision comes almost three years before an election is due and is an attempt by Mr Haughey to take advantage of his Fianna Fail party's high standing in the opinion polls and to secure a working majority in the Dail, a feat that has eluded him in four previous elections.

It is also believed to have been prompted by gathering economic storm clouds with forecasts of sharp increases in inflation and interest rates.

For the past 18 months Fianna Fail has maintained a 50 per cent rating in the polls compared with 26 per cent for Fine Gael, the main opposition party.

Both Fine Gael and the fledgling Progressive Democrat party last night called Mr Haughey's move callous and said that an election was neither needed nor wanted by the country's 2.4 million voters.

It could not have come at a worse time for the Democrats, launched three years ago with a mission to "break the mould" of Irish politics.

Its support is down to about 6 per cent and it could lose almost all its 14 seats.

To secure a working majority in Ireland's 166-seat parliament, Mr Haughey needs only three more seats than his party won in the last election in March 1987.

Then, Fianna Fail secured 81 seats, Fine Gael 51, the Progressive Democrats 14, the Labour Party 12, the Workers' Party four and Independents three.

In spite of his party's standing in opinion polls, Mr Haughey is taking a gamble. Ireland's proportional representation voting system, with its single transferable vote and multi-seat constituencies, has a habit of denying the dominant party a majority.

During the three-week election campaign the opposition parties are likely to try to impress on the voters that Mr Haughey is being opportunistic in calling an election.

Mr Haughey, aged 63, when asked earlier this week about the possibility of a snap poll, said: "The situation of the government is becoming less certain and our ability to implement our policies less definite."

Fianna Fail has been defeated in parliament six times since the last election, although not on a major measure. However, it admitted yesterday that it had feared defeat on next month's health service estimates — a key election issue.

Mr Haughey was finally convinced of the need to seek a workable majority by the argument that when Ireland assumes the EC presidency next January it would need a government able to have its way in the Dail.

Fianna Fail's election advertising will be run by Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency.

The campaign is likely to be personalized around Mr Haughey whose few appearances, only a handful of which will be outside Dublin, will be carefully organized media events with little chance of hecklers.

Winter fun in the summer sun

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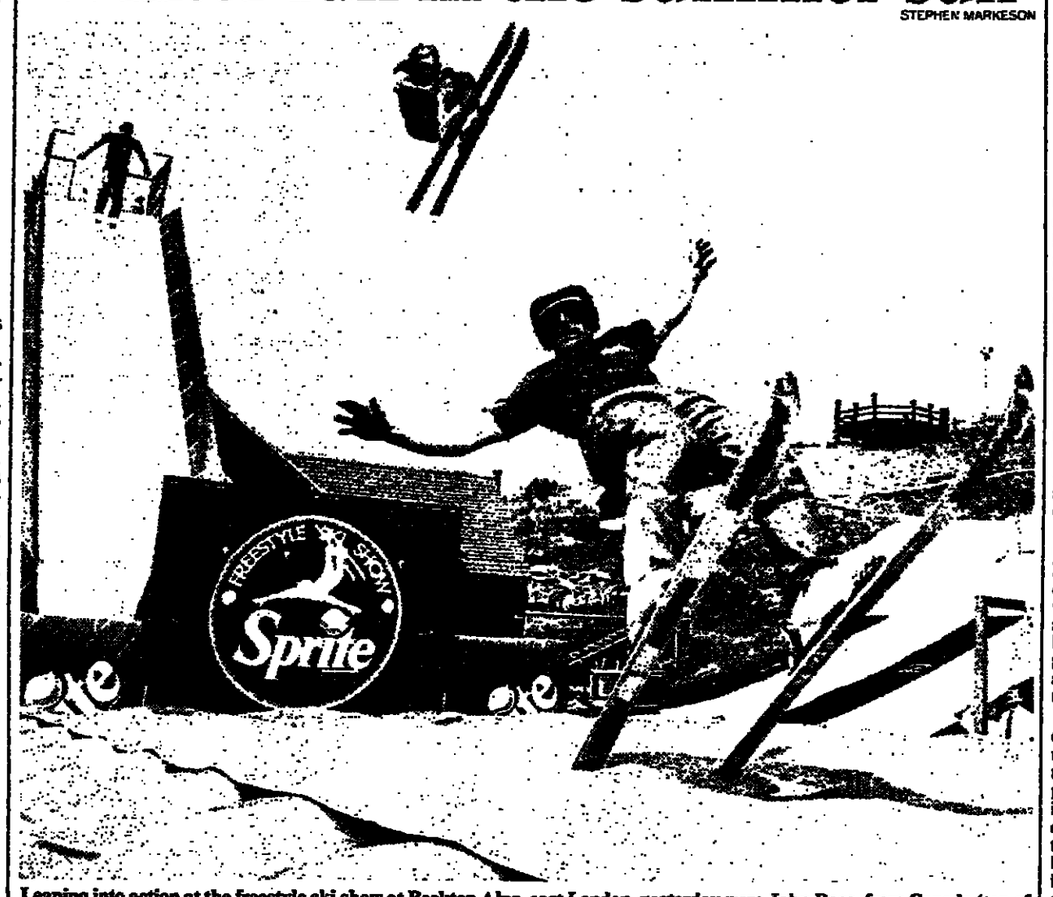

Leaping into action at the freestyle ski show at Beckton Alps, east London, yesterday were John Ross, from Canada (top of slope), Michiel de Ruiter, of The Netherlands (mid-air), and Robin Wallace of Chandler's Ford, Hampshire. They were demonstrating aerial skiing skills in a show which will take place 54 times on a nationwide tour over the next three months.

British scientists claim a first over superconductivity

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

British scientists yesterday claimed a world first in superconductivity technology, having built a small electrical generator out of materials which lose all their electrical resistance when cooled with liquid nitrogen.

The discovery of the high temperature superconducting materials three years ago triggered a worldwide effort to exploit their unique behaviour. Until now, most progress has been made in microelectronics, where they could lead to the advent of small, very powerful computers.

Collaboration between NEI International, the Newcastle-based research and development company, ICI Advanced Materials in Runcorn and the University of Bath has led to the development of a generator which produces alternating electricity of the type used in homes and offices.

The building of the generator is an important milestone as it has required the solution of many technical problems. The superconducting material used is like a ceramic, and so resists being turned easily into wires. It also loses its superconducting abilities if too much electrical current is pumped into it.

ICI scientists have, however, developed a process for producing long lengths of wires which can sustain reasonably high electrical currents before losing their superconductivity.

The generator, based on a design developed at Bath, contains 15ft of superconducting wire, about a quarter of an inch in diameter, formed into a coil which is dipped in liquid nitrogen at minus 196C. When spun at 25 revolutions a second, the generator converts the energy of motion into electrical energy, like a bicycle dynamo, generating about three volts.

"It's not intended as a working, practical product, but as a technical demonstration of what is possible," Dr Peter Evans, of Bath University, said. The team, which will announce full details soon at an Institution of Electrical Engineers' meeting, is already planning its next steps.

Applications are to be made to the Science and Engineering Research Council and others for funding to develop a more powerful generator.

The eventual aim is to build a generator for power stations where the superconductivity would improve efficiency, leading to cheaper power and a reduction in coal burnt, and so pollution created, for each kilowatt produced.

Hillsborough inquiry

Police at stadium tragedy 'badly led'

By Peter Davenport

The actions of the senior police commander in charge of the Hillsborough FA Cup semi-final at which 95 Liverpool supporters died, were criticized at the public inquiry yesterday.

Mr Andrew Collins, QC, counsel to the inquiry, persistently questioned Chief Supt David Duckenfield about his operational decisions to meet the consequences of opening gates to ease a crush outside the turnstiles and in handling the situation on the terraces.

The lawyer told the officer he had done nothing to instruct anyone to do anything. The best his men could do was less than their most effective without proper command and direction, he said.

Mr Benet Hytner, QC, representing the bereaved and injured, asked whether looking back, the officer now admitted that he made any errors of judgement during the course of the disaster.

Mr Duckenfield replied: "Sir, I am not in the situation of hindsight. On the day in question I could only deal with the facts as they appeared before me. On the day I made the right decision." Mr Hytner said: "It is your considered view that on the day you did not make any wrong decisions?" Mr Duckenfield replied: "Based on the information available, no sir."

Under further questioning the officer admitted he had not given instructions to the police to prevent fans surging into the central terrace pens once the gates were open. It was an omission he had hoped other officers would remedy.

The exchanges came after Mr Duckenfield had told the inquiry, under Lord Justice Taylor, of the rising tension in the police control box as he struggled with the dilemma of whether to order the opening of gates at the Leppings Lane end to ease a crush outside that officers believed posed an imminent threat to life.

Mr Duckenfield, who assumed command of the police district covering Hillsborough less than three weeks before the semi-final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest, said that he received two requests to open gates at the Leppings Lane end.

He said the consequences of opening the gates, and the possibility of injury or crushing to the 1,000 fans likely to gain access, crossed his mind. However, he thought they could be accommodated in a large concourse area inside the turnstiles and behind the stand.

He did not find out anyone had died in the crush on the terraces until 3.30 when he went to meet officials of the Football Association.

The hearing continues.

BAe fined £4,000

British Aerospace was fined the maximum of £4,000 in the Bolton magistrates' court yesterday after admitting failure to ensure the safety of its employees or the public under the 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act (Ian Smith writes). The company was also ordered to pay prosecution costs. More than 30 people were seriously affected by the virus at the BAe missiles component factory in Lostock, Bolton, last October. The source of the infection was eventually traced to a water-cooling tower linked to the factory's ventilation system.

20 dismissed

Management at Pergamon Press headquarters in Oxford yesterday dismissed 20 journalists after a 24-hour stoppage on Wednesday.

BT original

David Hockney, the artist, has agreed to create the cover for British Telecom's telephone directory for Bradford, where he was born.

7 commended

The Avon and Somerset chief constable has commended five policemen and two forensic science experts for the investigation leading to the murder conviction of John Cannan.

Farm pollution

Andrew Hope, of Alexander and Angell Farm, Witcombe, Gloucestershire, was fined £1,250 for pollution offences along a stretch of river.

Builder dies

Andrew Cook, aged 32, a Portsmouth builder, was died of electric shock yesterday when a piece of scaffolding struck a 33,000-volt overhead power cable.

Bough's break

Frank Bough, who hosts a weekday interview series on Sky Television, is to join London Weekend Television as anchorman of a new current affairs show.

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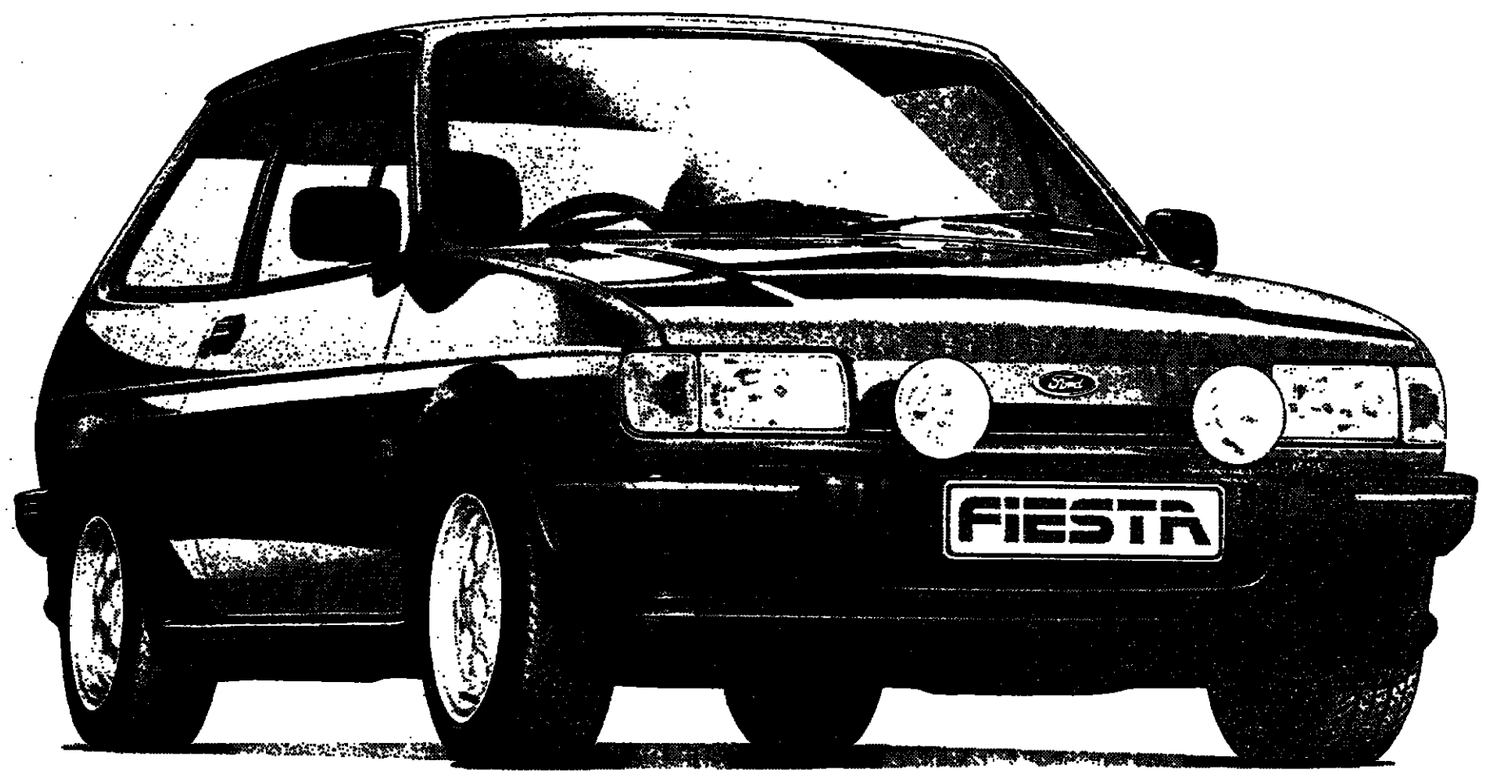

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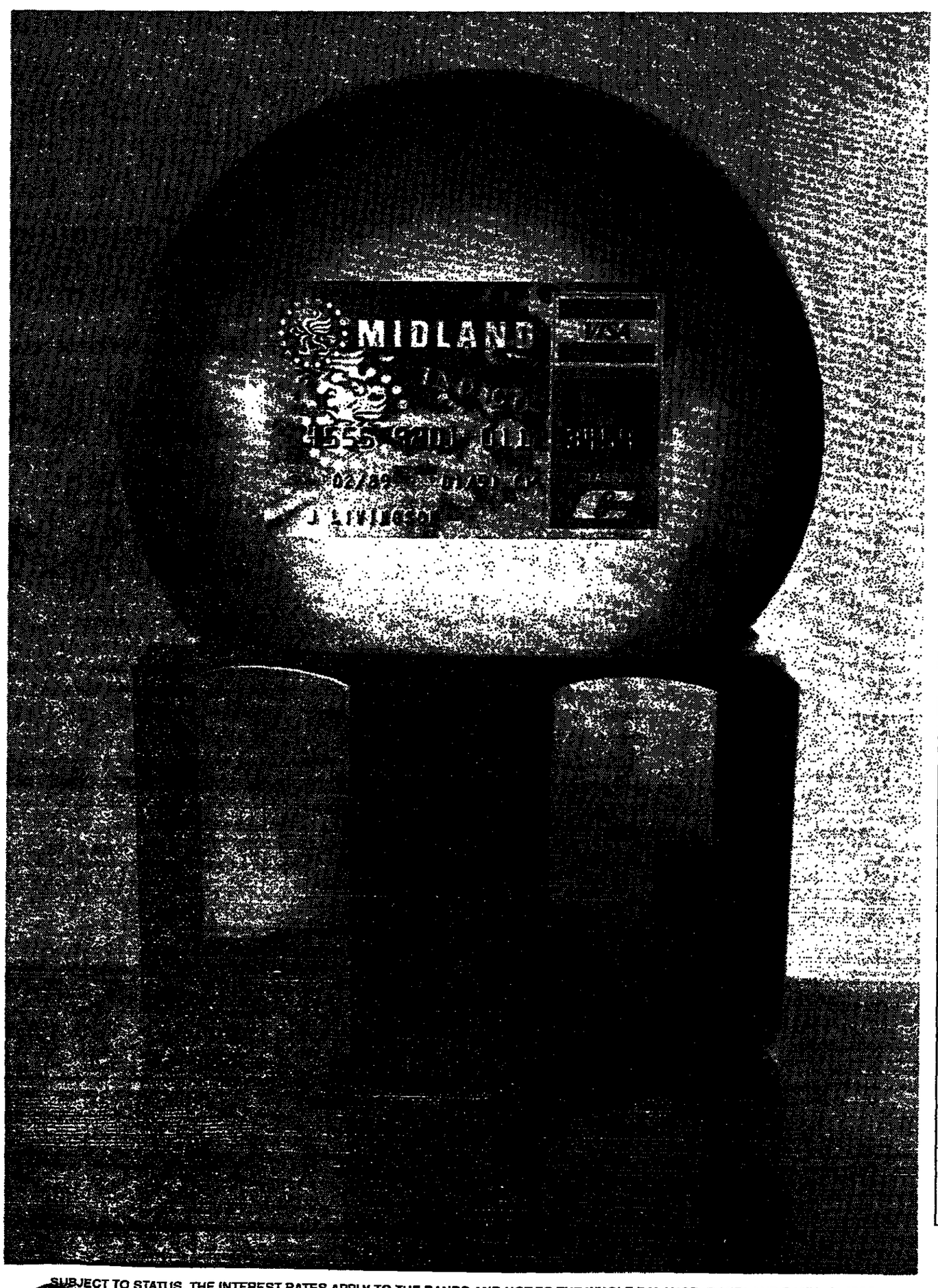

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MPs express grave doubts over reforms enforced upon NHS

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

An all-party Commons committee delivered a further blow to the Government's much-criticized reforms of the National Health Service yesterday, condemning the way ministers were seeking to implement them and warning them of dire consequences if they did not slow down.

MPs on the social services committee said changes of the enormity proposed had to be introduced one by one on an experimental basis and not "unleashed" all at once.

"The Government is planning the simultaneous reorganization of every tier of management and every aspect of its provision of health services. It proposes the new system should be up and running by April 1991. We have very grave doubts about the practicability of this timetable," they said.

They rebuked the Government for trying to impose the plans on a hostile profession without proper consultation.

It had dispensed with a Green Paper and provided only "woefully inadequate" details to flesh out its White Paper proposals. It had forced the medical professions into entrenched positions by giving the impression the plans were settled. "We strongly urge both sides to lower the temperature so that constructive discussion can take place," they said.

The committee also made clear its serious reservations about the wisdom of several of the proposed reforms.

"If the Government's proposed timetable for introducing the vastly greater changes to the health service proposed in the White Paper is adhered to, we have serious fears that stability of services and continuity of patient care may suffer during the years of transition.

"The Government would be wise to take account of their critics ... improvements must only proceed where it can be demonstrated that they achieve the goal of providing a better standard of health care."

The report was not unanimous. Conservative MPs Miss Ann Widdecombe and Mrs Marion Roe, a former minister, refused to endorse it.

The report said the White Paper and subsequent working papers raised more questions than they answered, particularly about funding.

No analysis had been given of likely future demand on health services and no indication of the resources the Government intended to provide to meet it. The committee said ministers should reconsider its earlier demand for an additional £1 billion investment programme.

The planned tax relief on private health insurance would cost more than £40 million a year. "The Government needs to be able to demonstrate that this money would not be better spent on direct investment in patient care."

Putting the health sector on an entrepreneurial basis would require a "wholesale change of ethos" and a huge, costly new infrastructure. Yet "no one can know whether it will provide better health care for most of our citizens".

Allowing hospitals to opt out and GPs to run their own budgets might make sense in strictly free market terms, "but in terms of a cash-limited publicly funded market this inevitable fragmentation may prove expensive".

Leonardo goes back on display

DENZIL McKELLANCE

Mr Eric Harding, chief paper conservator at the British Museum, with the National Gallery's Leonardo da Vinci cartoon which he painstakingly restored over 15 months. The cartoon, "The Virgin and Child with St Anne and St John the Baptist", was damaged in a shotgun attack two years ago (detail inset). It goes back on display at the gallery today.

Romanian defector holds on to chess lead

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Mihai Suba, Romania's top grandmaster who defected to Britain with his son last year, retained a half point lead after the sixth round of the Watson, Farley and Williams Tournament in the City of London.

Suba drew his game with international master Keith Arkell, to reach a score of 4½ points out of six. Danny King, Britain's most recent grand master, moved into second place when he defeated Matthew Sadler, of Kent, the world's second youngest international master.

Paul Motwani, of Scotland, scored a crushing victory over international master Michael Adams and Nigel Davies, the English international master, defeated Patrick Wolff of the United States.

Leading scores after six rounds: Suba 4½, King 4, Adams and Motwani 3½, Bent Larsen (Denmark) 3 out of a possible 4 with two adjourned games.

In the other game to finish, Michael Wilder, the reigning American champion, drew quickly with Julian Hodgson, the English grandmaster.

William Watson (England) and Larsen adjourned their game after six hours play, as did Susan Arkell, of England, and Scotland's Colin McNab.

Prosecutors back erosion of Bar's court monopoly

By Richard Ford, Legal Affairs Reporter

The Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday supported one of the Lord Chancellor's key proposals to reform the legal profession — the erosion of the Bar's monopoly in higher courts.

Mr Allan Green, QC, said he supported Lord Mackay of Clashfern's plan to give solicitors rights of audience in the higher courts.

Backing for the proposal had been included in the Crown Prosecution Service's response to Lord Mackay's three Green Papers, he said.

The plan has been strongly resisted by more than 100 senior judges, 400 circuit judges and the Bar.

The prosecution service's unpublished document, which has been sent to Lord Mackay, also backs the controversial idea of giving lawyers in the CPS rights of audience in the higher courts. Mr Green believes that giving CPS lawyers rights of audience will make their career in the service more worthwhile and improve their morale.

Mr Green, who is also head of the CPS, defended the suggestion in the response that lay presenters should deal with minor cases in magistrates' courts. The idea has been strongly criticized by the First Division Association, which represents Crown Prosecution Service lawyers but Mr Green said that, given the shortage of lawyers, it made sense to consider the idea.

He said the service was examining the feasibility of allowing non-lawyers from the service to present summary and non-imprisonable cases in the magistrates' courts.

"It makes sense when there is an acknowledged and severe national shortage of lawyers to look at the work lawyers do and ask the question, 'Can some of the work be properly, appropriately and competently done by people trained to do it but who are not lawyers?' It would be silly not to look at such a possibility."

However, he said ministerial permission would have to be given for such a scheme and it would be introduced only after legislation had passed through Parliament.

Mr Green also outlined a financial sponsorship package aimed at attracting young barristers and solicitors to the understaffed CPS.

Under the arrangement, barristers will be paid £9,922 for their year's pupillage, spending six months in private practice and the rest of the time with the prosecution service. Solicitors will receive the same sum annually during the two years they take articles, spending 18 months with the CPS and six months in private practice. They will be expected to stay with the service for two years after qualifying.

"I think it will help our recruitment a great deal," Mr Green said. "I hope the gravest problem that the service has always faced — recruiting lawyers of an appropriate calibre — while not being entirely solved, will be substantially alleviated".

Taking into account 133 casual lawyers, the CPS is 261 lawyers short of its full complement of 1,792.

Weekend food prices

English asparagus season at its peak

The all-too-short English asparagus season is at its peak. At its best, it has a far more delicate taste and texture than imported supplies and, at £1.10-£1.60 a lb, is markedly cheaper.

Best vegetable buys are cabbage 15-30p a lb; cauliflowers 30-60p each; carrots 14-28p a lb; and broccoli 50-90p a lb. There are plenty of salad ingredients in the shops including iceberg lettuces 60p-£1 each; Webbs 35-45p; and cos 28-38p; cucumbers 40-75p each; celery 45-65p a head; Chinese leaves 75p-£1 a head; and spring onions 25-50p a bunch. Tomatoes are 50-80p a lb and Jersey Royal potatoes are an affordable treat at 35-50p a lb.

The first Spanish nectarines are at 20-30p each; French and Turkish cherries £1-£1.60 a lb; and French and Spanish strawberries 50-80p a half lb. The first English strawberries are in the shops weeks earlier than other years but are more expensive at £1 a punnet.

New season apples and pears are all cheap and abundant, including Granny Smiths 25-45p a lb, Golden Delicious 30-40p, Sturmers 45-55p, and Williams and Packhams pears 40-50p a lb.

A rib of beef on the bone is a tasty alternative to topside and silverside and, at £1.82 a lb, substantially cheaper. Two supermarket chains have cut the price to as low as £1.68. Home-grown lamb prices are dropping. In East Anglia and the South-west it averages £2.17 a lb. Pork is stable apart from a slight increase in rib chops to £1.35 a lb, reflecting their popularity for barbeques.

The first of the samphire grass, or sea asparagus, is in the shops at about £1.80 a lb.

Sea trout is between £3 and £3.50 a lb; farm salmon steaks £4.50-£5 a lb; and wild salmon steaks £5.50-£6.45 a lb. Herring, mackerel and sardines are 70p-£1.25 a lb; fresh tuna, sword fish and grouper £5.95 a lb; and shark about £4.40 a lb. Large Scottish mussels are 60p a pint, Scottish lobsters £8.50 a lb, Canadian lobsters £7.50 a lb, fresh tiger prawns £9.95 a lb.

Best offers from shops and supermarkets: Tesco fresh leg of lamb £1.98 a lb and fresh minced beef 99p a lb; Presto fresh forerib of beef £1.68 a lb, rump steak £2.68 a lb; Asda home produced rib of beef £1.87 a lb, home produced pork chops (fresh and frozen) £1.17 a lb; Marks & Spencer whole roast chicken (small) £2.69 and (medium) £3.15 each; Safeway home produced rump steak £2.68 a lb, forerib of beef £1.68 a lb; Sainsbury's Dutch smoked and unsmoked rindless back bacon £1.38 a lb and prime gammon joints smoked £1.78, unsmoked £1.70 a lb; Bejam and Iceland New Zealand whole leg of lamb £1.29 a lb and six tenderized Iceland rump steaks £3.79.

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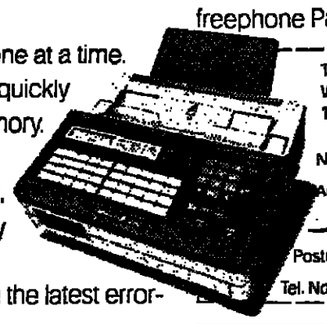

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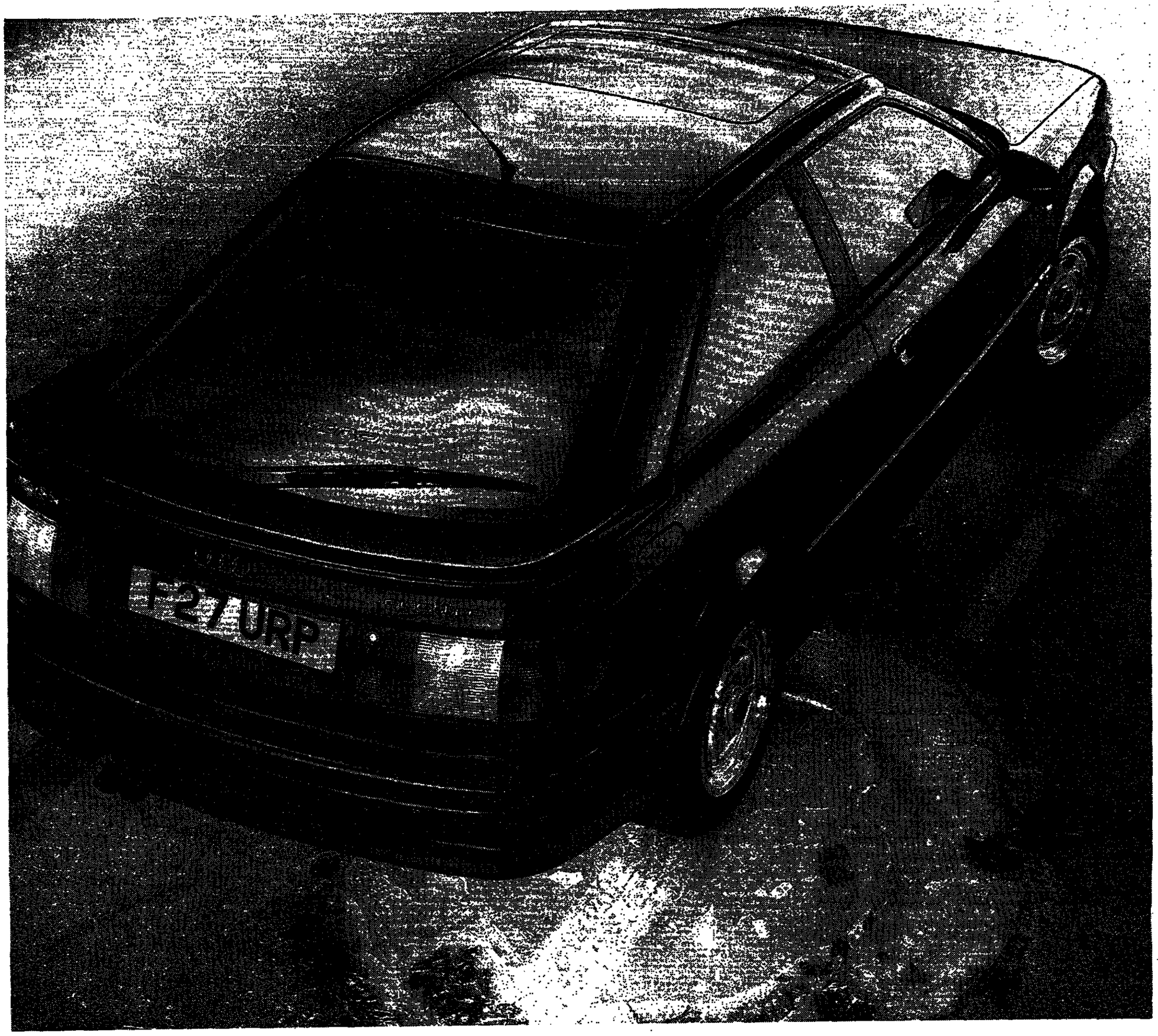

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Thatcher shifts her ground slightly on short-range talks

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Prime Minister has made it clear to Washington and Bonn that she remains "sceptical" about negotiations to reduce short-range nuclear missiles in Europe, but is prepared to have an open mind, according to senior British sources yesterday.

Until now Mrs Margaret Thatcher had stated that she was resolutely against talks and would not even concede the principle of negotiation. Her position has always been directly opposed to that of West Germany, which had called for "early" negotiations.

But the more conciliatory position which now appears to have been adopted by Mrs Thatcher, with just a few days to go before the Nato summit in Brussels, holds out slightly more hope that a compromise agreement may be possible.

Mrs Thatcher had already softened her position on the modernization of Nato's land-based Lance missile system. She had originally hoped that the summit would approve in principle the development and deployment of a new system to replace Lance.

But this stance was abandoned last month when the Bonn Government, facing an increasingly hostile public and federal elections in December, 1990, persuaded the rest of the allies to postpone such a decision until 1992.

But the question of negotiations is still likely to dominate the summit, because it is tied in with Nato's whole strategy on arms control and its developing relations with the Eastern bloc.

The British sources warned that, unless Bonn agreed to the strict conditions laid down by Washington earlier this week, the chances were the arguments would continue beyond the summit. This would mean that the alliance would not be able to produce in time for the *summit its* long-awaited comprehensive concept on arms control and disarmament, which has been two years in gestation. There are two gaps in the Nato document, both relating to the short-range missile issue, one under the heading of defence and the other under arms control.

The sources yesterday insisted that Britain had not become isolated in the row over tactical nuclear weapons. They said Britain was in "very respectable company" in opposing negotiations. But the change in the language — "sceptical" rather than "totally opposed" — is probably due to the frantic calls that have been going on between London and Washington over the past few days, culminating in the US concession to Bonn that negotiations could not be ruled out.

But, in its reply to West Germany's compromise proposal that negotiations should be linked to progress in the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna, *Washington set three* conditions: the talks should not begin until after agreed conventional cuts had been implemented, a third zero (elimination of all land-based tactical missiles) must be rejected, and support should be given for the American development of a follow-on system to the existing Lance missile.

The British sources said that Mrs Thatcher would like to add further conditions.

West Germany has rejected the American conditions and yesterday the British sources said Mrs Thatcher remained sceptical that Bonn or anyone else could persuade her that negotiations were a good idea.

One source said: "We're opposed to negotiations but we're open to persuasion. That's what it's all about."

Mrs Thatcher would continue to emphasize to other alliance leaders at the summit that the priority issue should be conventional forces, not theatre nuclear weapons.

However, the latest developments in the conventional talks have changed the whole atmosphere in Vienna, and this will be reflected at the summit.

Vienna — The Warsaw Pact moved a step closer yesterday to seeing eye-to-eye with Nato on European conventional force reductions by proposing specific ceilings on categories of troops and armaments within so-called zones of contact with the West, as well as in mutual "rear areas" (John Holland writes). The plan was greeted positively by the alliance.

Duchess visits divided city

The Duchess of York visiting the Berlin Wall at the Brandenburg Gate yesterday during her three-day visit to the divided city. The Duchess was greeted by several hundred tourists and Berliners on her arrival in the city (AP reports). After looking into communist East Berlin from a viewing platform overlooking the wall, she toured the Reichstag building, formerly the seat of the German Parliament. The Duchess later signed the "Golden Book of Berlin" and, speaking German, thanked Herr Walter Momper, the Mayor, for the honour of being allowed to do so. The Duchess is scheduled today to take the salute at a parade by British troops at West Berlin's Olympic stadium to mark the Queen's Birthday.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Delors challenge to Britain on EC

Brussels — M Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, yesterday issued a challenge to Mrs Thatcher, suggesting that she should decide whether Britain was to be in the forefront of European development or left on the fringe (Michael Binyon writes).

He said Europe could develop an inner and outer circle, with Britain lagging behind in the outer circle while its partners inside went ahead with political union.

● **Strasbourg:** Mrs Thatcher could lose the support of the Conservative Party's main allies in the European Parliament due to growing differences over the direction of the European Community (Reuter reports). Señor Manuel Fraga, chairman of Spain's Partido Popular, said his party was considering leaving the Parliament's conservatives and joining the centre-right Christian Democrat faction.

Mengistu shake-up

Nairobi — President Mengistu has made a clean sweep of the leadership of the Ethiopian armed forces, appointing 10 senior commanders to replace generals who were shot, arrested or committed suicide during last week's coup attempt (Andrew Buckoke writes). The new appointees are distinguished more by their loyalty to President Mengistu and the party than any great military experience. Most were junior officers in the group including Colonel Mengistu that toppled Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974. Few have been actively involved in military affairs since.

Nuclear alert over fire

A fire on board an American warship in the Mediterranean came within 40ft of stored nuclear weapons, according to official documents uncovered by Greenpeace. The incident, which caused a nuclear safety alert, took place in 1975 after a collision between a cruiser, USS Belknap, and an aircraft carrier, USS John F. Kennedy, in which eight sailors died.

Touvier is charged

Paris — Paul Touvier, the war criminal arrested at a Catholic priory in Nice, has been formally charged with crimes against humanity by a senior investigating magistrate and transferred for observation to the hospital block at Fresnes prison on the outskirts of Paris (Philip Jacobson writes). He was said to be ready to talk freely to investigators.

Defiant booksellers

Madrid — Spurred on by the Culture Ministry, 19 publishers and dozens of booksellers defied Iranian death threats by making Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* the most widely displayed work at the annual Madrid book fair yesterday (Harry Debelius writes). The book was making its official debut at the 18-day event.

Changing view of Nato

Rising opposition to low flying puts pressure on Bonn

From Ian Murray, Rissdorf, West Germany

The village is pinched in a curve of the road, half-timbered and not much larger than a big farmyard. The countryside rolls up into the Eifels, a peaceful patchwork of young green corn and golden oilseed rape.

Bang on cue came the warplanes, low, dark and very, very loud. Herr Wolfram Eber laughed. "Listen," he said, "listen to the sound of freedom." He is a member of the local *Bürgerinitiative* against low-flying planes, one of hundreds of such groups springing up all over the country.

Mrs Thatcher saw their banners when she met Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, last month to argue about Nato's future strategy. She may have thought them no more than another group of German environmentalists but they claim support from up to 90 per cent of the population and their lobby is now clearly shaping Bonn's attitude to the alliance.

"The Nato concept is 20 years old," Herr Eber said. "It is based on the idea of 'attack-defence' and the number of flights is growing all the time.

Emblem of *Bürgerinitiative*, the campaign against the low-flying planes of Nato

The picture Germans had of the Soviet enemy in the East is disappearing

All the exercises are aimed at the East — none at the West — and with *glasnost* this is less and less understandable.

"As long as people live in fear, they will accept anything. But people don't have this fear any more. The picture of the enemy in the East is disappearing."

Frau Roswitha Latzke-Schlüter, the young architect who runs the local *Bürgerinitiative* from her eighteenth-century cottage, said: "On the one side, I am permanently experiencing offers of peace from Gorbachov. On the other, I have this acute threat every day from our own people. Low flying is war against us.

"We are lacking something from Nato to balance the offers coming from Russia. All Nato does is say, for example, that the tanks the Russians are scrapping are old and are going to be replaced by new ones. But this is just to play down what is happening and to make us ready to accept things like low flying and military exercises."

Her group was only formed last September and the village is not even under one of the official seven low-flying areas where aircraft are allowed to train down to 250 ft. But because in wartime the aircraft would need to fly at no more than 100 ft, she argues that the whole exercise is scarcely necessary.

"The Americans are always a little bit sour with us because they say we are not behaving like friends. You cannot say this about us. We are allies but we have the impression that they decide things over our head."

The *Bürgerinitiative* groups tend to be run by young, educated and articulate people. Members are by no means drawn exclusively from the ranks of the radical left or Socialists. Many of them are natural supporters of Herr Kohl and the right wing.

Combating these types of arguments on the ground is the daunting task of the forces' press officers and liaison officers, who face an increasingly uphill battle.

Minor incidents which used to be sorted out on the spot between station commanders and *bürgermeisters*, can now go all the way up to Bonn. Anglo-German committees of liaison officers and local officials meet regularly to thrash out problems, but more and more this proves difficult.

For example, British Army plans to build a mock-up street scene on one of its training ranges in order to carry out urban warfare training, have been bogged down for nearly three years in a legal battle. One argument deployed against the idea was that the intention was to train troops for fighting in Northern Ireland.

The courts have finally thrown the protests out, but army training in what is seen by Nato to be an increasingly relevant type of warfare, will have been held up for five years.

Low flying is a particularly difficult cause to promote, especially for the RAF in Germany which has the reputation of being the loudest and most dedicated of all allied air forces to this kind of training, with 33,000 "entries" into low-flying areas officially chalked up by them last year.

A great deal is done to try to foster goodwill round the bases and by staging flying displays on request. But the RAF sees the argument as being a political one in which West German politicians should be giving a lead.

Herr Kohl, however, as he squares up to Nato before the summit, is more moved by the arguments of Herr Eber and the villagers of Rissdorf who, unlike the RAF, have a vote in next year's general election.

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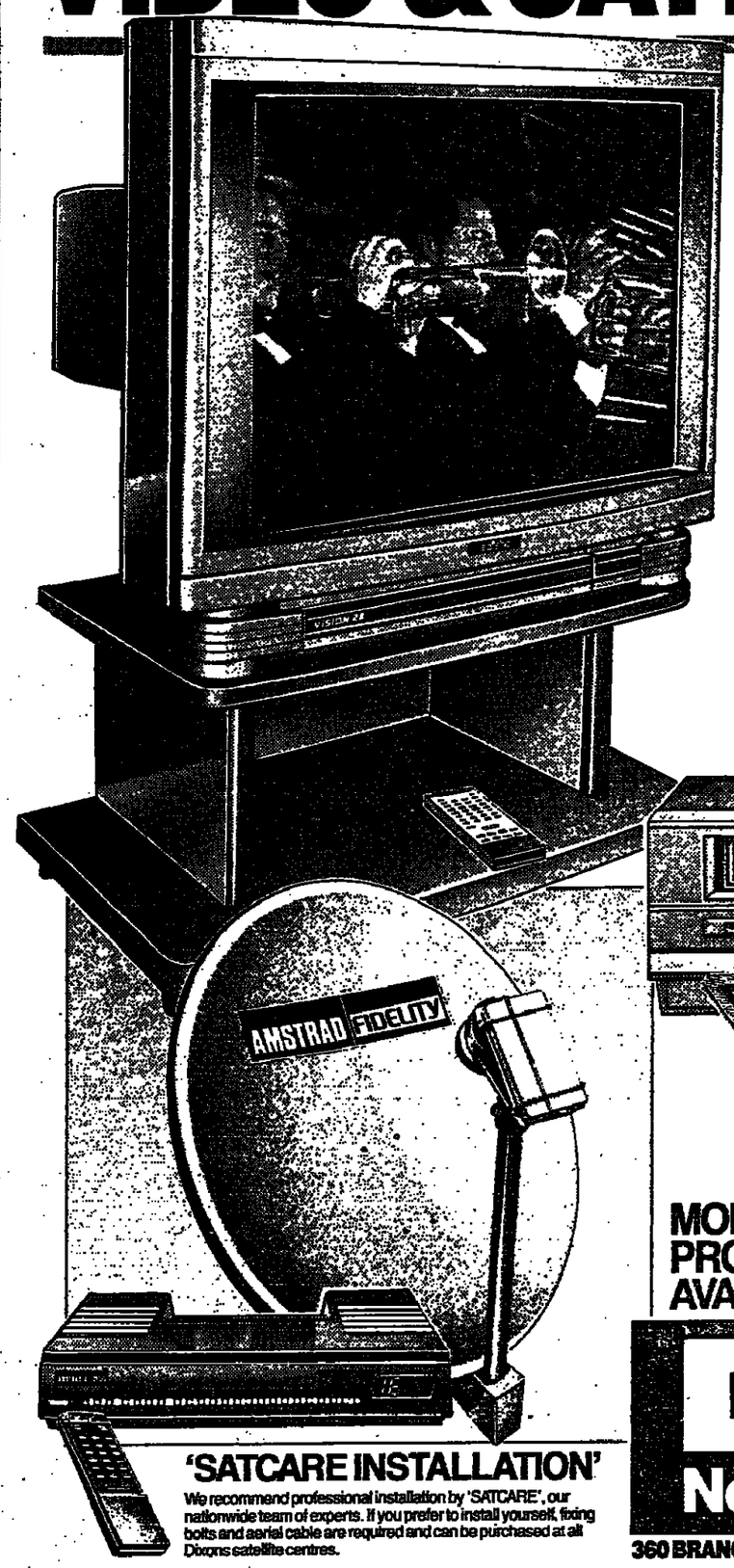

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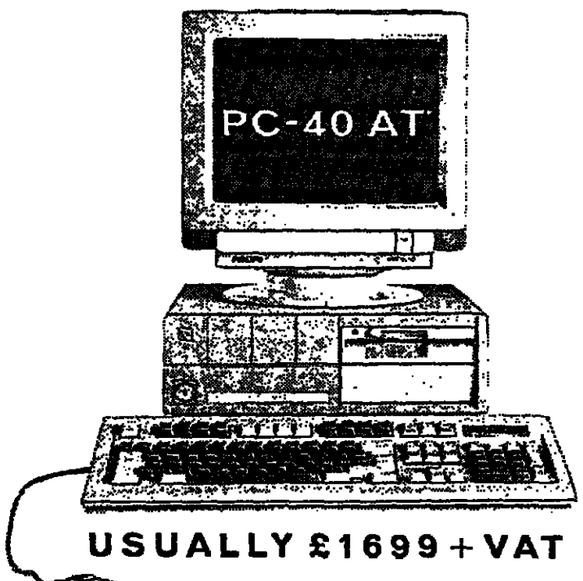

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Moscow opens human rights case against UK

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Soviet Union has opened a human rights case against the British Government under a new international procedure, it emerged yesterday.

A diplomat at the British Embassy in Moscow was told of the move by a Soviet official on Wednesday.

It came six days before the opening in Paris of an international conference on human rights by the 35 nations which recognize the procedure under which the case has been opened.

It was seen as a move to turn the tables on Britain, which has been a leading critic of human rights abuses in the Soviet Union. The British delegation to the conference intends to make further criticisms of Moscow's performance next week.

Czechoslovakia, which will also participate in the conference, tried hard to find grounds to open a human rights complaint of its own against Britain, but has not so far succeeded, according to Whitehall sources.

The British Embassy in Moscow carefully considered the possibility that the Soviet move was a further response to Britain's decision last Friday to expel 11 Soviet diplomats and journalists, but came to a tentative conclusion that this was not so.

Moscow is understood to believe that Britain's 1988 Immigration Act could be used to prevent citizens of the Soviet Union and other countries belonging to the 35-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) from entering Britain.

The CSCE is the most important East-West and non-aligned forum for lowering tensions in Europe. It has sub-forums ranging from conventional weapons arms control talks to human rights discussions.

The procedure used by Moscow was agreed during two years of negotiations which culminated in the Vienna Concluding Document, signed in January. Britain was among the first to invoke it, starting a procedure against Moscow over a cancer patient who had been refused permission to travel to London for medical treatment.

But Moscow quickly relented and the procedure did not go beyond its first stage. Moscow is now using the same first stage to challenge Britain to give information on the working of the Immigration Act. Its request is innocuously worded and gives no hint of the grounds on which it might challenge.

But Whitehall sources believe they have a complete answer to any complaint. The Act has been used mainly to limit immigration from countries which are not members of the CSCE, particularly from the Indian sub-continent. Britain will say it does not fall foul of the Helsinki Final Declaration of 1975, the Vienna Document or other CSCE agreements.

The rules give every citizen of an CSCE country the right to leave his own nation and to return to it, but not an automatic right to enter another country.

Moscow has greatly increased the number of Soviet Jews permitted to emigrate, and some have come to Britain. But, according to Whitehall sources, the numbers have not been such as to pose an immigration problem.

The timing of the Soviet move is probably linked to a row last autumn over the reluctance of Britain, the United States and Canada to attend an international human rights conference in Moscow in 1991. The three countries eventually agreed on condition that the Soviet Union implemented its human rights commitments under the Vienna Document.

The Moscow conference is linked to the Paris meeting which opens on Tuesday. The Vienna Document sets up three meetings, the other being in Copenhagen in 1990.

Britain plans to use the Paris conference, which will last four weeks, to bring further pressure on Moscow and other Eastern bloc countries to implement the Vienna Document. The delegation includes representatives of three non-governmental human rights organizations, and 50 British Jewish student demonstrators are to lobby participants. About half the countries plan to send their foreign ministers, but Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, has decided not to attend.

● MOSCOW: Lithuania has become the first Soviet republic to defy Moscow's taxing authority, announcing in official newspapers that Lithuanians will not be obliged to pay a new nationwide highway tax (The *New York Times* reports).

The decision followed protests by residents of the Baltic republic who complained that the tax would go primarily to repair decrepit roads in more backward regions of the Soviet domain.

New York (NYT) — Chloropicrin, a toxic tear gas used in the First World War, was used on demonstrators in Soviet Georgia last month, according to three American doctors from a Boston-based human rights group just returned from the republic. The finding backs up the conclusion of an inquiry by French doctors.

Mr Gorbachov and Vice-President Anatoly Lukyanov voting at the opening session of the Soviet parliament yesterday.

Military spy chief is sacked by Bhutto

By Zahid Hussain in Karachi and Anatol Lieven in London

Lieutenant-General Hamid Gul, head of Pakistan's military intelligence and a key player in the Afghan war, was sacked yesterday by Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, sources said.

General Gul has been transferred to the general headquarters and is replaced by retired General Shansur Rehman Kaloo. One of the directors of military intelligence, Major-General Arshad, also has been replaced.

The changes came in the wake of controversy over the causes of the setback in the battle for Jalalabad in which the Mujahidin failed to capture the important city and suffered heavy casualties.

Miss Bhutto once said her Government did not have control of Pakistan's Afghan policy since military intelligence was running the show.

● DUBAI: Mr Ijaz ul-Haq, the son of General Zia, Pakistan's late President, plans to return home within two months to mount an election challenge against Miss Bhutto (Our Correspondent writes). His entry into politics will come two-and-a-half years after Miss Bhutto's own return to Pakistan and a year after Zia's death in a plane crash.

Bronx murder challenge

Threat to genetic 'fingerprinting'

From James Bone, New York

A spot of blood on a murder suspect's watch threatens to undermine the credibility of "genetic fingerprinting" and disrupt hundreds of serious criminal cases across America, including the Central Park gang-rape attack.

Lawyers have seized on a murder case in the Bronx to mount an unprecedented challenge to the validity of DNA testing, previously considered an infallible way of identifying criminals.

While not questioning the basic science, expert witnesses have cast doubt on widely used scientific techniques and laboratory procedures.

DNA testing has expanded rapidly since a landmark conviction for rape based on genetic evidence in Florida in November, 1987. DNA tests on blood, semen or saliva have since been admitted as evidence in more than 2,000 cases in America.

The Bronx case involves the stabbing death of a young mother and her two-year-old daughter. Police sent traces of blood found on a neighbour's watch for testing by Lifecodes Corporation, the company which performs most of the forensic genetic fingerprinting in the United States. The Lifecodes laboratory, which has done genetic matching in about 1,500 cases, concluded that the odds against the blood on the neighbour's watch not coming from the victims were 100 million to one.

Yet expert witnesses at the trial, including internationally known molecular biologists, accused Lifecodes of using flawed scientific techniques and shoddy laboratory procedures.

Four of the scientists, two for the defence and two for the prosecution, took the highly unusual step of meeting outside the court and issuing a statement stating that the DNA data in the case was unreliable.

If the challenge is upheld, many cases could be reopened and many prosecutions before the courts could collapse.

● Genetic database: A national database holding the genetic fingerprints of convicted violent and sexual offenders is to be created in Britain within the next five years as part of a package of reforms to the forensic science service (Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter writes).

The package, which includes exploring new ways of financing the forensic science service and loosening it from the Civil Service, were announced by the Home Office in response to a highly critical report on the service published earlier this year by the Commons select committee on home affairs.

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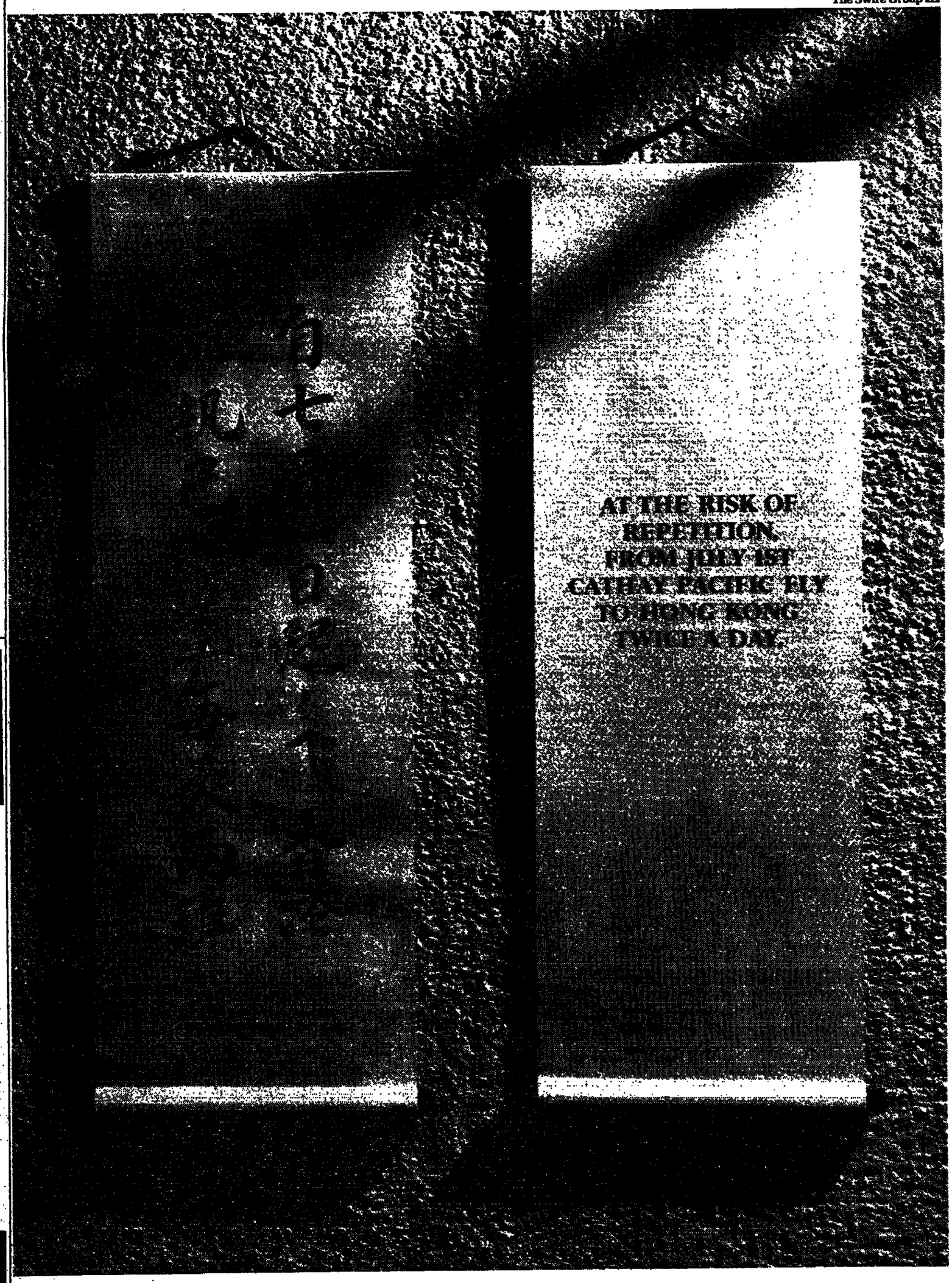

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Verdict in trial of Israeli troops sparks Arab riots

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

To mounting Palestinian fury, an Israeli military court yesterday acquitted four soldiers from Israel's elite Givati Brigade of beating an Arab, aged 43, to death in Jabaliya refugee camp last August.

But the court found the four guilty of brutality and will hand down sentences on this charge at a later date. It said the troops had been acting under orders which were "manifestly illegal".

Angry protests broke out at Jabaliya yesterday soon after the verdict was announced, with the demonstrators breaking a curfew to confront troops. According to hospital sources, one of the Arab protesters was shot dead and a dozen were wounded. There were also clashes on the West Bank, where troops have this week carried out repeated search-and-arrest operations during the night in several refugee camps to detain alleged ringleaders of the *intifada*.

Officials said yesterday they feared further violence, with Palestinians and Jewish settlers taking up arms. On Wednesday Palestinian extremists used firearms for the second time in a week, firing at an army foot patrol in Bethlehem. No one was hurt.

In the first incident last Friday, an Israeli soldier was killed when an army patrol encountered Palestinian gunmen in a car near Hebron. Yesterday Jewish settlers went on the rampage again to avenge Arab stone-throwing, setting fire to cars and homes in Arab villages on the West Bank and in areas close to Jewish suburbs of Jerusalem.

The four Givati soldiers, a sergeant and three privates, went on trial last September at the Southern Command military court near Ashdod. They were accused of beating to death Mr Hani al-Shami, a factory worker, after chasing stone-throwing youths into his home. The court heard that in an attempt to stifle his shouts of protest, which were drawing a crowd, the four soldiers hit him repeatedly before jumping on his prostrate body from a bed.

But yesterday the court said Mr al-Shami had subsequently been taken to a nearby military camp, where he had again been kicked and beaten by other soldiers while sitting blindfolded and handcuffed on the ground. It was therefore impossible to say which of the blows had caused the fatal injuries.

During the trial the four soldiers insisted that they were only following orders in beating a suspected stone-thrower. In March General Dan Shomron, the Chief of Staff, testified that standing orders issued in February last year allow beatings aimed at disabling stone-throwers, but only by blows to the limbs.

Force was not to be used as a punishment and the Jabaliya beatings may have been "a mistake", General Shomron said. But he added that there were grey areas, and troops had to use force "according to their judgement".

The defence lawyers said the four soldiers had followed orders at Jabaliya, issued orally by commanders on the spot. One of the privates subsequently said he had interpreted remarks by Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, about "meeting violence with violence" to mean that troops had licence to "break the Arabs' bones".

But yesterday the court said the four had been given "illegal" instructions, which they had then exceeded. It said that troops should be given "clear, written instructions", both on how to behave in the field and on how to treat prisoners. The court further recommended that arrests of Arab suspects in their homes should be carried out by officers.

The court criticized a preliminary military police investigation, which it said was "neither thorough nor complete". Many Israelis argue that Israel, as a democracy, is right to expose abuses such as those which took place at Jabaliya, even if this gives Israel a negative image.

Pretoria killer sentenced to death

Barend Strydom, left, after his shooting rampage, and his family leaving the Pretoria court after yesterday's death sentence.

Lebanon dispute mars League summit

From Christopher Walker
Casablanca

Attempts to present a new image of Arab unity to the outside world were marred during the closing stages of the emergency Arab League summit here by a bitter dispute between the two main Arab opponents, Syria and Iraq, over ways of resolving the crisis in Lebanon.

While some former Arab foes like Egypt and Libya were making gestures of new-found friendship, President Assad of Syria and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq were locked in a power struggle over Lebanon's future.

Repeated efforts at an early compromise failed and yesterday the self-styled "summit of reconciliation" ran into an embarrassing third unscheduled day as other Arab nations, notably Egypt and Jordan, struggled to patch up a compromise between Damascus and Baghdad.

In Beirut itself, both Christians and Muslims remain deeply pessimistic that the Arab heads of state could find an effective method of ending the 14-year civil war.

"Lebanon is the bleeding wound of the Arab world and it has been symbolized during the whole of this summit by Lebanon's conspicuously empty seat," one moderate Arab diplomat explained. Lebanon's place has remained unoccupied because both its rival Prime Ministers – General Michel Aoun, a Christian, and Dr Selim al-Hoss, a Muslim – claim to be the only legitimate representative.

Since the end last year of the Iran-Iraq war, General Aoun has been heavily armed by the Iraqis to help him wage his "war of liberation" aimed at forcing the 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon to leave.

The traditional enmity between Syria and Iraq goes back years and, according to experienced observers, is so deep and strongly felt that it retains the potential to erupt into an armed conflict.

Enraged whites turn on black captor

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

A black taxi driver who calmly disarmed a white man who had shot more than 20 blacks on a rampage in the middle of Pretoria fled for his life yesterday after the gunman was sentenced to death.

Mr Simon Mukondeleli was threatened with death outside the Pretoria Supreme Court by a large group of whites. He said: "I jumped into a taxi but the white men stopped it, shouting they were going to kill me because I put that man away." The driver accelerated and drove to a newspaper office, where Mr Mukondeleli took refuge.

A baying crowd of people gathered outside the newspaper offices before police ordered them to disperse.

Earlier, police had taken measures to ensure security around the court, where Barend Hendrik Strydom, aged 23, a former policeman, was facing sentence for the murder of eight blacks and the attempted murder of 16 others last November.

Mr Justice Harms sentenced Strydom to death on all eight counts of murder and to 30 years' imprisonment for attempted murder. The judge also thanked Mr Mukondeleli for disarming Strydom.

Strydom's victims included a woman aged 80. A week earlier he shot dead a black woman and wounded another at a squatter camp in what he described as "a trial run".

Strydom has claimed to be leader of the *Wit Wolve* (White Wolves), an extreme right-wing group that has claimed responsibility for bomb attacks on the South African Council of Churches. But police experts told the judge they doubted that such an organization existed.

● **Three hanged:** Three blacks, including an anti-apartheid activist convicted of a politically motivated killing, were hanged for murder in Pretoria Central Prison yesterday.

Quayle finds his new role as the 'nice' American

From Charles Bremner, Washington

When the talk on Capitol Hill gets round to the merits of delving further into President Bush's alleged role in the Iran-Contra affair, the Republicans haul out their not-so-secret weapon – the spectre of President Quayle.

Almost since the day last August when the boyish senator was plucked from relative obscurity by Mr Bush and turned into the butt of national ridicule, the conventional wisdom has been predicting the emergence of a new, more competent Quayle.

Four months into his vice-presidency, no new Quayle has emerged and much of his behaviour has confirmed the stereotype of the over-eager schoolboy. But he has offended few – except perhaps Mr Lee Kuan Yew, of Singapore, the doyen of Asian statesmen, whom he kept waiting while he played golf.

He has made no big mistakes, earned some respect and set himself on course to stand for the presidency in 1996, if Mr Bush wins a second time.Mr Quayle has found his niche as an exporter of the eternal values of American boyhood – sunny optimism, a dislike of routine and a passion for sports.

Vice-President Quayle: An exporter of sunny optimism.

He displayed this talent on his most important mission so far, a trip to Australia and South-East Asia that is best remembered for his 3 am basketball games, his foray into the Lord Nelson pub in Sydney and his now famous greeting to the people of American Samoa: "You all look like happy campers. Happy campers you are, happy campers you have been and happy campers you will always be." He also said how much he enjoyed visiting their capital city of Pogo Pogo, instead of Pago Pago.

The eager, breezy approach may suggest a lightweight, but it does no harm in projecting the image of a likable young American, particularly in Latin America and parts of the world where less flattering stereotypes predominate. Even those who approach him with disdain often come away touched by his endearing "niceness", as a friend puts it.

The image also fits well with the atmosphere of the new presidency. Mr Bush appears to have adopted Mr Quayle as a son, teaching him the tricks of the trade and receiving a filial-like devotion in return. He encourages Mr Quayle to attend most important policy meetings and strategy sessions. "I have the right to go into his office any time I want to," Mr Quayle boasted recently.

The similarities between the two men extend to their fatal capacity for malapropisms and mangling the language. To the delight of the Quayle chroniclers, the Vice-President is constantly letting his tongue run ahead of his thoughts. He had trouble, for example, this month while speaking at the United Negro College Fund, whose slogan is "A mind is a terrible thing to waste".

"What a waste it is to lose one's mind, or not to have a mind," he said. "How true that is."

One measure of the softening of Mr Quayle's image is the joke barometer. Armies of academics can be found monitoring such things as the quantity and quality of Quayle jokes on the late-night television comedy shows. The jokes, say the experts, have become "kinder and gentler", to use a Bushism, and less numerous.

Dr Robert Lichter, director of the Centre for Media and Public Affairs, says: "There is a certain affectionate quality to the jokes now." Whereas early Quayle jokes depicted him as a "spoiled-rich-kid-draft-dodger-cheat", he is now portrayed as the "lovable lunkhead" or the "goofy sidekick to George Bush".

But recent polls show that he has gained no ground on the question of whether he is qualified to be President. Most stinging for him was a slap last month from the *American Spectator*, a bible of the very conservative right of the Republican Party to which Mr Quayle belongs. After Mr Quayle said he had trouble "getting through" the journal, it published a cover story ridiculing him, entitled "Why Danny Can't Read".

Many of those who have conferred with the Vice-President have come away with favourable impressions of his abilities, though they usually seem to be measuring them against low expectations. Many also register a powerful impression of his wife, Marilyn, a woman described in the media euphemism as "complex" or "intensely personal" and who is known, a little maliciously, by her entourage as "Steinway". The reference is to her prominent teeth.

Mrs Quayle is resentful about the restrictions that becoming the Second Lady have placed on her own career as a lawyer.

This month she decided on the cause which she would adopt in her official role. The issue she chose was the planning and relief of disasters. She is, she says, specializing in natural, as opposed to man-made, catastrophe.

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Chinese Premier closer to victory in leadership struggle

Army support gives Li a boost

From Mary Dejevsky, Peking

Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, yesterday edged closer to victory in the clandestine leadership struggle that has paralysed the Chinese Government for nearly a week. But as tens of thousands of students continued to occupy Tiananmen Square and an official spokesman denied reports of changes in the leadership, the struggle was far from over.

Making his first television appearance since he authorized the imposition of martial law in Peking last Saturday, Mr Li insisted that the political situation was stable and denied that the Army would be used to crush the student movement for democracy. The troops had not yet entered the city, he said, because "the Government is a people's Government and the Army a people's Army." The troops would enter the city only after people understood their purpose, he said.

Mr Li's remarks, which he made at a reception for foreign ambassadors, followed the publication in the official *People's Daily* of a letter from the Army High Command expressing support for the Prime Minister and the decision to impose martial law. The letter spoke of a "conspiracy by a very few people" to destroy "socialist reforms" and appealed to troops in and around Peking to obey the orders of the Communist Party. It urged all troops involved in enforcing martial law to study the speeches of Mr Li and President Yang Shangkun explaining the martial law decision.

Shanghai (Reuter) – Up to 100,000 students and workers, watched by an equal number of people, rallied in the centre of Shanghai yesterday to call for the removal of the Prime Minister, Mr Li Peng.

The demonstrators gave leaflets to onlookers and called for an end to martial law in Peking.

The troops were also instructed to read the April 26 editorial in the *People's Daily*, which described the student movement as a threat to democracy and order. The retraction of this editorial has been one of the main demands of student demonstrators.

With six of China's seven regional military commands having approved martial law, the Peking military command is politically isolated. There are reports, too, that the Peking forces stationed on the outskirts of the city, have been surrounded by units from other regions.

A further sign of Mr Li's strength was the disappearance of Mr Wan Li, a Politburo member, on his return from the United States on Wednesday. Mr Wan, who chairs the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, and is regarded as a reformer, had been hailed as a possible *mediator in the conflict*.

When his private plane landed in Shanghai, however, he was taken immediately to a government guest house, where he was said to be receiving treatment. His American trip was cut short on health grounds, although he was observed to be quite well when he left Washington.

Yesterday several hundred thousand people marched to call for Mr Li's resignation, and earlier in the day students hung an effigy of Mr Li at the Great Hall of the People.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for the Foreign Ministry denied that there had been any changes in the leadership. She said that Mr Li was still Prime Minister and Mr Zhao Ziyang was still Communist Party general secretary.

Mr Zhao, who is believed to have dissented from the martial law decision, has not been seen in public for a week, and there was widespread speculation that he had been ousted.

A Hong Kong newspaper yesterday gave what it said were details of a Politburo meeting at which Mr Deng Xiaoping, the premier leader, allegedly accused Mr Zhao of betrayal. It said, however, that he might not be dropped until the long-postponed central committee meeting.

The prospects for Mr Zhao look bleak, according to Western diplomats. They say that Mr Deng is in charge of the situation and has spent the past week travelling the country to muster military support for his new protegé, Mr Li.

The diplomats noted that protest and strikes had spread all over China and questioned whether the Government was capable of ruling in the present circumstances. They observed that all diplomatic meetings and many business appointments with officials were in abeyance.

While many observers in Peking question the willingness of the army to move against the student demonstrators, few believe that Mr Deng himself would worry about the damage to China's reputation abroad. During the student demonstrations in 1976, which eventually brought the downfall of Mr Hu Yaobang, then general secretary, Mr Deng was quoted as saying: "All political liberalisation is bourgeois liberalisation and we don't want any of it."

Bureaucratic vices infect the student crusaders

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

The students still on Tiananmen Square know that to leave is to admit defeat. But they have run out of ideas and superb organization is turning into disarray. The unofficial union which led the movement in its early days has vanished in all but name.

Its previous president, Mr Wu'er Kaixi, aged 22, has been voted out. He was rumoured by students to have had dealings with Mr Deng Pufang, despised as the worst of China's corrupt officials and the son of China's supreme leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping. Students say he was being used by his father as a channel for requests to quit the square.

Mr Wang Dan, who resigned from the leadership of the unofficial union some time ago, regained a strong position as the head of a hunger-striking group. He has not returned to the unofficial union but now belongs to the new leading organization – Joint Conference – which evolved from the original union and the hunger strikers. Miss Chai Ling, who led the hunger strike, leads the Joint Conference. It is setting up its Tiananmen Square headquarters, consisting of 20 to 40 members and including not only university representatives but also intellectuals and factory and office workers.

Students say that the new Joint Conference is focusing on getting the Government to act in accordance with the Constitution and is moving away from the ideal of democracy.

Some students are disillusioned by their leaders, a few of whom are using donations from the public for their own private use. Rumours circulate among the students of some leaders spending vast sums on meals at restaurants. These are the people who have chanted against corruption and have condemned bureaucracy. Yet the student organization begins to resemble the Government in its regulations and restrictions.

The monument to the people's heroes has become the base for the leadership. Here, in makeshift tents you will find accounting and propaganda departments, a broadcasting unit and a command centre. The bureaucratic framework remains, but the only sense of purpose is to remove the Premier, Mr Li Peng.

Some disillusioned students are drifting away, complaining they have not seen their leaders for days. Mid-level leaders are worried about the way the political wind is blowing and some are believed to be in hiding.

Nakasone apology to Japan

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Japanese Prime Minister, right, conferring with Mr Takami Etoh, deputy Secretary-General of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, before testifying yesterday at a session of the budget subcommittee of the Diet investigating the Recruit Cosmos financial scandal. Mr Nakasone strenuously denied any involvement in the scandal despite confirmation that he had received 45.75 million yen (more than £200,000) in donations directly from the companies involved (Brian Robins writes from Tokyo). Stony-faced during his 2 hours and 40 minutes' session before the committee, Mr Nakasone said: "I offer an apology to the Japanese people for having encouraged a popular distrust in politics and a stalemate in state administration." He confirmed receiving more than 43 million yen directly from the private companies involved, while also confirming that his personal aides had made a total of 63.84 million yen from investments in Recruit Cosmos stock. The aides had spent these funds by themselves, Mr Nakasone said. When questioned by the chairman of the committee, Mr Akira Ono, Mr Nakasone said that the stock transactions had been mere "economic activities" on the part of his aides. He denied that the receipt of funds from the private companies had influenced his dealings.

Mitterrand gains credit in Africa by debt write-off

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

President Mitterrand of France has achieved yet another public relations coup by announcing at the francophone summit in Dakar, the Senegalese capital, that he is willing to write off the public debts owed to France by 35 of Africa's poorest countries.

This unprecedented French gesture comes after similar moves by other Western countries, notably Britain, Canada and West Germany, but the total amount involved – 16 billion francs (£1.5 billion) – and the fact that the write-off is unconditional mean that France has jumped ahead in generosity to the Third World in the run-up to the seven-nation summit which he is hosting in Paris in July.

At the end of last year Britain wrote off total debts of £263 million owed by 14 African countries.

President Mitterrand's "gift to Africa" takes the form of a Bill to be submitted to the National Assembly this year which, if passed, will come into effect next January.

On closer examination, cancellation of the debts, representing 42.5 per cent of the money owed to France by the 35 African countries concerned, represents only a small loss in interest payments of about a billion francs a year in an annual French budget of 1,160 billion francs.

For their part, African countries have long since given up hope of ever repaying these debts. The pychological effects of their being exused the heavy burden of interest payments allows President Mitterrand to regain his crown as the champion of Africa at a time when France is under attack for supposedly "deserting" that continent – French aid policies, judged too expensive, are being reconsidered, and long-term French investors in Africa are withdrawing in increasing numbers.

An initiative to relieve debt problems was worked out at last year's seven-nation summit in Toronto, at which M Mitterrand shone as its apparent chief instigator.

This initiative allowed creditors to choose between cancelling a part of the debts owed them; lowering interest rates or lengthening the repayment period. It was, however, confined to countries whose economic policies were endorsed by the International Monetary Fund.

For France, that initiative has been largely overtaken by President Mitterrand's announcement on Tuesday.

The debt cancellation is unconditional, but France clearly hopes that the countries concerned will show their gratitude by buying French goods in preference to others.

His largesse allows the President to rise above charges of favouring former French colonies over other African countries.

He now appears as an impartial benefactor dedicated to resolving Africa's problems – an image he badly needs if he is resolve the deteriorating situation between the two former French colonies of Senegal and Mauritania.

Anti-terrorist deal

Karachi – Pakistan and India have reached agreement to take firm steps to contain terrorism, drug trafficking and illegal immigration along their mutual border (Zahid Hussain writes). The agreement, which was reached at a meeting of officials in Islamabad, is seen as an important breakthrough, since each country accused the other of supporting and abetting terrorists.

Border row

Rio de Janeiro – Brazil has sent troops to the western Amazon, where a state border dispute threatens to flair into open conflict.

Peace move

Bangkok (AP) – Burmese guerrillas seeking greater autonomy have welcomed a reported government move towards a ceasefire.

Cabinet goes

Taipei (AFP) – Taiwan's Cabinet has resigned to allow Mr Lee Yuan, the Prime Minister-designate, to form a new Government.

Khomeini up

Nicosia (Reuter) – Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's leader, has left his hospital bed for the first time after surgery.

Two killed

La Paz (AFP) – Two Mormon missionaries were shot dead in a Bolivian anti-American terrorist attack.

Korean jailed

Seoul (AFP) – Lee Kyu Seung, aged 68, a relative of Mr Chun Doo Hwan, the former South Korean President, was jailed for two years and fined £48,000 on corruption charges.

Everest climb

Kathmandu (Reuter) – Adrian Burgess, a Briton aged 40 now living in America, and Roderick Mackenzie, aged 27, from Australia, have reached the summit of Everest.

Strike move

Los Angeles (AP) – Teachers tentatively agreed to end a strike that had crippled America's second largest school district for 11 days.

Too late

The Hague (AP) – Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, was unhurt in a car accident minutes after he attended a ceremony to launch a plan to curb car traffic in The Netherlands.

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Thatcher comes under attack on economic policy

The Prime Minister again came under sustained attack from the Opposition benches over the Government's economic policy, and even had one of her own backbenchers asking *her to clear up the confusion* about it among her supporters.

There was long laughter from all sides, including Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when Mr Allen McKay (Barnsley West and Penistone, Lab) asked her during question time what advice, from her personal experience, she would give "to neighbours who don't get on too well".

To cheers from Conservatives and further laughter from Opposition MPs, Mrs Thatcher replied: *I am not experienced in such matters.*

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Could the Prime Minister tell us this month's excuse for the appalling trade figures?

Mrs Thatcher: As he is well aware, part of the reason for the trade figures is the higher investment which I understand he seeks (Opposition laughter).

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton South West, C) said that there was confusion on the Conservative benches about Government economic policy (Opposition cheers).

Was the recent increase in interest rates in order to hold up the value of the pound or to restrict private credit and the money supply?

Mrs Thatcher: As he is aware, the recent increase in interest

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rates is to get inflation down.

I am sorry you find any confusion on economic policy. The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Nigel Lawson) and I find none (laughter). The only confusion we find arises from the interview given on the BBC by Mr Kinnock, who called for import controls and to stop treating the pound as a sacred relic.

What Mr Kinnock had said was against the EC, against Gatt, against the pound and against commonsense.

Mr John Fraser (Norwood, Lab) said that since the last general election the rate of inflation had doubled, the trade deficit had quadrupled, and mortgage rates had gone through the roof. If that happened when the Government was doing well, what happened when it was doing badly?

Mrs Thatcher: The rate of inflation to us is unacceptably high (Labour MPs: And to us), to the Labour Party unsustainably low. It was better than the Labour Government had been able to sustain for more than a few months.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry North-West, Lab): Will you explain how, with the record deficit on the import of manufactures and at the same time bearing in mind the record level of investments in manufacturing, what has happened to the supply-side miracle in the economy?

Mrs Thatcher: The miracle is the highest standard of living this country has ever had.

Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab): The economic problem of this country is no longer that we are suffering from overheating, but that the radiator has blown up in tiny fragments all over her.

Mr Kinnock: Hear, hear.

Mrs Thatcher said that official Labour policy was in favour of lower interest rates, *lower exchange rates and higher* public spending. That would lead to the sort of inflationary spiral expected under Labour.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, leader of the Democrats, asked if she was prepared to repeat the Chancellor's Budget prediction of 5.5 *per cent inflation rate by the end* of the year.

Mrs Thatcher: I am not going further than the Chancellor, *whose handling of the economy* has brought everyone the highest standard of living ever known, the highest standard of social services ever known.

● The subject of Mr Kinnock's interview earlier in the day came up again during questions when Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) asked the Prime Minister for confirmation that she had never suspended an interview on the BBC *World at One* because she objected to the line of questioning.

Mr Kinnock laughed as Mrs Thatcher said that she had been appalled at the fact that he had suspended the interview, adding that he could never take the position of Prime Minister at questions because he would object to the line of questioning (Conservative cheers).

TIM BISHOP

Mr Mike Keegan (right), the Conservative candidate, with Mr John Bowis, MP for Battersea, in Vauxhall yesterday

Vauxhall by-election

Left's record is central issue

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The record of the left-wing Lambeth council in south London was made a central issue in the Vauxhall by-election by the Conservatives as they opened their campaign yesterday.

Mr Peter Brooke, Conservative Party chairman, described the by-election as a straight fight between Labour and Conservative, a referendum on socialism and "its manifest *failure when implemented* by Lambeth council to deliver even remotely adequate services."

Mr Mike Keegan, the Conservative candidate, said that the by-election was a timely reminder of the real Labour Party — "incompetent and inefficient *in administration*, extreme *in* local government and hopelessly divided against itself'.

He told his opening press conference: "Forget the cosmetic repackaging of socialism taking place at Walworth Road — such a cynical, vote-seeking exercise will never convince the electorate. Here in Lambeth, there is a chance to see the Labour Party *on the ground, for what it really* is."

Mr Keegan and Mr Brooke defended the new rise in interest rates. *Mr Keegan denied that it* had hurt his campaign.

Meanwhile, Labour's candidate said that the party's policy shift on defence was proving popular with the voters.

Miss Kate Hoey told a press conference: "Our policy change ... is genuinely popular, and has made people aware that the Labour Party is now definitely on the road to winning". She added: "I want to see an end to nuclear weapons".

General election: S Holland (Lab), 21,364; D Lidington (C), 12,345; S Acland (All), 7,764; J Owens (Green), 770; D Cook (Comm), 223; K Oluremi (Red Front), 117. Lab maj: 9,019

Concern over Mackay case

Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C) asked whether the Prime Minister shared the concern of many MPs that the Lord Chancellor (Lord Mackay of Clashfern) was today being held to account by his church for fulfilling his public duties. That was hardly the act of a church that called itself Christian or tolerant.

Mrs Thatcher: *I have* very great sympathy for the Lord Chancellor.

Anti-spy move 'necessary'

Action had to be taken against Soviet and Czech citizens engaging in unacceptable activities in Britain, regardless of the effect on British relations with those countries, Mrs Thatcher said during questions.

"The worst thing would have been to say that because we had better relations we can ignore those unacceptable activities."

Guns group chairman

Lord Kimball, former chairman of the British Field Sports Society, has been appointed chairman of the Firearms Consultative Committee, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said in a written reply. The names of other members of the committee would be announced shortly.

School jobs

More than 20 per cent of teachers who qualified in Scotland in June 1987 had not entered teaching by March 1988, according to *a survey by Colleges of Education*, Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office, said *in a written reply.*

Welsh health

No Welsh hospitals have yet been identified as candidates for self-governing status, Mr Ian Grist, Under Secretary of State for Wales, said in a written reply, but he said that officials were discussing the concept with health authorities' officers.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received Royal Assent: Atomic Energy; National Maritime Museum; Civil Aviation (Air Navigation Charges); Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland).

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Spring adjournment debates on a number of topics including the plight of African elephants and on Kurdish refugees.

Private Eye award causes concern

MPs expressed concern during business questions about the record libel damages of £600,000 awarded to Mrs Sonia Sutcliffe, wife of the "Yorkshire Ripper", against *Private Eye*, the satirical magazine.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House, pointed out that the Lord Chancellor was considering proposals to reform to the law of defamation.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that there should be a statement on the law of defamation after this award.

Two women who were attacked by Sutcliffe and survived were awarded damages of only £10,000 and £8,000, but they had not received a penny.

Would Mrs Sutcliffe pay those women, though she was in no way responsible for her husband's crimes, and the relatives of the women who were murdered?

Mr Wakeham said that it would be inappropriate to comment on the case. There had been recent criticism of aspects of the law of defamation, including the size of some libel awards.

The Lord Chancellor was considering proposals for reform in this area taking all the issues into account.

Mr Gary Waller *(Keighley, C)* said that he did not expect Mr Wakeham to comment on the libel case.

It might be appropriate to have a debate on the law of defamation so that the views of MPs could be taken into account by the committee reviewing press and privacy.

Mr Wakeham said that it was a difficult subject and it was not *easy to find a solution.* It was right for the Lord Chancellor to consider it.

If MPs had any suggestions the Lord Chancellor would be only too pleased to consider them.

Pact 'is creating conditions for peace'

The Anglo-Irish agreement and the inter-governmental conference set up under it had facilitated co-operation in the fight against terrorism and had *set out to create the conditions* in which the whole community could live together in peace, **Mr Tom King**, Secretary of State for *Northern Ireland, said in a* statement.

Reporting to the Commons on the review of the working of *the conference published* yesterday, he said that it had been a worthwhile opportunity to take stock.

The British and the Irish Republic governments had reaffirmed their full commitment to all the provisions of the agreement and to its shared understandings and purposes.

They agreed that the conference, supported by the secretariat, had proved its value in the past three years and that, while requiring no fundamental change at present, its role could nevertheless be developed and enhanced in a number of ways.

"If in future it appeared the objectives of the agreement could be more effectively served by changes in the scope and nature of the working of the conference, consistent with the basic provisions and spirit of the agreement, the two governments would be ready in principle to consider such changes."

The report and the record of developments showed that neither the agreement nor the conference was a threat to either *tradition in Northern Ireland.*

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, welcomed the *declaration which, he said, had* assisted the development of cross-border security and resulted in a much more mature and *constructive relationship* between the governments of Britain and the Irish Republic.

"The prime objective in the *next phase of the agreement is to* bring all the constitutional parties in from the cold, not betraying their principles, nor *their traditions, nor their* comunities, but to work for the good of the province as a whole.

N IRELAND

A *call for a United Kingdom* referendum on the future of Northern Ireland was made by *the Rev Ian Paisley* (North Antrim, DUP) when he unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the review of the working of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

He said that it would let the province know exactly what the UK thought. Northern Ireland would abide by the result.

Mr King: My door is open. It is open for anyone to come in from the cold. If people are determined to stay out in the cold, I cannot actually arrest them and compel them to come through the door.

The Rev Ian Paisley (North Antrim, DUP) said that most of *the population in Northern* Ireland had not been consulted on the Anglo-Irish agreement and its contents had been kept secret.

The minority population, however, led by Mr John Hume, (Foyle, SDLP) had every access to all that was going on. It had been the Unionists who had been left out in the cold.

When the agreement had been signed Mr Hume had told the Government to "face down" the Unionist poulation and at that time the Unionist had been told they would not be consulted but could "carry on as you are".

Mr King said that Mr Paisley's remarks had been a travesty of the truth. When he had become Secretary of State, before the agreement was signed, he had written personally to Mr Paisley inviting him to a meeting. He never came.

"He bears a heavy responsibility for the fact that the people he represents did not have a chance for their views to be heard."

Mr Paisley had taken the same stand on the review. He had been a member of one of the two parties which refused to put *in any views. If Mr Paisley* continued to stand in his trench and bellow, what had happened to him in the local elections *would continue to happen and* more sensible voices would prevail.

Mr Edward McGrady (South *Down, SDLP) said that when* Mr Paisley spoke of "the majority", he was in fact speaking for a very small minority of the people of the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, Democrat leader and spokesman on Northern Ireland, *said that* those who sought peace and the best interests of Ireland, on both sides of the border, would be *better advised to build on and* develop the agreement than to seek to destroy it.

Mr King said that any threat *to the traditions of either* community had come from some of the methods of opposition to the agreement and *behaviour which had appalled* many people in Great Britain and many MPs.

Second reading: Social Security Bill

We are rating our children at bottom of scale, peers are told

Lady Faithfull **(C) told the Lords that she was worried that the country was rating its children "at the lowest end of the scale".**

Speaking in the second reading debate on the Social Security Bill, she added: "I have to say that if we do not look after our children, then the country suffers".

Lord Seebohm **(Ind) predicted that there would be a battle in the House of Lords over child benefit, and he promised that he would be in the middle of it.**

He said that society always had and always would need to make some redistribution of wealth from the top to the bottom. Child benefit was an ideal way of doing that.

When it was introduced in 1976 it was welcomed by all sides in both Houses. It did not then cost anything because it replaced the family allowance and children's tax allowance. To say that it cost £4.5 billion now was a red herring.

Targeting had become a dirty word. The more people were targeted on benefits, such as the child benefit, the more people were going to be left in the lurch.

He suggested that a small committee should be set up to look at the problems of poor take-up of many social security benefits.

Moving the second reading, *Lord Henley*, the Government, said that the system needed to be kept under review.

"This Government has the will to challenge outdated attitudes and to take social policy ... into the 1990s. The Bill helps us to continue that progress and it introduces the reforms to contributions and benefits announced in the Budget."

The Bill ensured that all unemployment benefit claimants should show that they were seeking work. It also ensured that claimants could not continue indefinitely to price themselves out of any job.

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Lady Faithfull: Country will suffer if we do not look after our children

Individuals would not be forced into genuinely inappropriate jobs. There would continue to be the facility for them to *decline a job on grounds of good cause*, which covered health, family circumstances, religious belief, travelling difficulties, etc.

"*But after the permitted* period an individual will not be able to turn down, solely on the ground of pay, a vacancy which has been offered to him by the Employment Service."

The Bill also abolished the pensioners' earnings rule from October 1, which could benefit about 200,000 pensioners and remove a big disincentive to elderly people to work.

It promoted a more coherent social security system and reflected the environment *of a modern labour market. Most of* all, it supported those who could not support themselves and encouraged people to accept the responsibility to support themselves and their families by their own efforts.

***Lady Jeger*, the Opposition social security spokesman in the Lords, said that the Government's underlying philosophy was caustic, abrasive, penny-pinching and mean. She wished that it was illumed by a little more gentleness.**

The Bill made few improvements, although the Opposition welcomed the abolition of the earnings rule. The change in the age of eligibility for mobility allowance meant that "the chopper would fall" on elderly men and women when they reached 80, *at a time when they needed most help.* The criteria for mobility allowance also needed to be re-examined.

The Government's recently announced plans to hand over to private agencies the payment of benefits was just a matter of philosophy — of the Government which was prepared *to privatize poverty.*

The recent speech by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, on poverty was extraordinarily graceless. According to National Audit Office figures, there were 56,750 homeless families in 1979 and the figure had risen to 112,730 in 1988.

People who dealt with the problem at the coalface were all convinced that changes in social security benefits and board and lodging regulations had contributed largely to the problem.

For the Democrats, *Earl Russell* predicted that the Bill would be another measure that produced numerous unintended consequences. It would lead to more unemployed people going to their doctors. The savings from the changes in unemployment benefits would be swallowed up by the increase in the National Health Service's bill for anti-depressants.

He said he did not like a blanket Government subsidy for uneconomic jobs. If a job could not offer a living wage it was not an economic job.

***Lord Boyd-Carpenter* (C) *said that* he was sorry to see the end of the pensioners' earnings rule, although he recognized that no other peer supported his view. If people *were fit to carry on working after the official* retirement age, it was better that they should do so and build up contributions towards a better pension than to draw a pension on top of their earnings.**

***Lady Faithfull* said that the Government had raised support for 16 and 17-year-olds, but *it was not enough.* "Even now, young people with no home background, with no one to support and help them, are still at risk.**

"It is not cost-effective not to help these young people more than we are doing, because as one young girl said to me: 'I have no option, miss, but to go on the game, to be a prostitute, in order to live'. Another said to me: 'I must go on drugs. I must somehow get through life.' "

She paid tribute to those who did neither of those things and who managed to live on very little.

The number of the young homeless was increasing. They could not afford anywhere to live. These were the people who in their middle and older years would be sleeping underneath the arches.

She hoped that in the passage of this Bill, the plight of 16 and 17-year-olds who had been in care could be improved. Even though it had been generous, the Government *should also look again at helping* young people turned out of their homes.

"We are putting children at the lowest end by freezing child benefit. What is the *policy on the future of child benefit? This is* what we all want to know. We are all worried about the freezing of child benefit."

It could be argued that there is now less poverty in Britain but more misery, **Lord Rippon of Hexham** *(C)* said during question time in the Lords, when peers criticized the recent speech by Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security.

However, Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State, replied that it was possible to be rich and miserable as well as poor and miserable.

Lady Jeger *(Lab) said that many low-*income families were offended and deeply hurt that Mr Moore should bandy about statistics of the amount spent by them on alcohol and tobacco.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said that poverty was relative. What was poverty in the United Kingdom would be considered affluence in Bangladesh.

Lord Skelmersdale said that Mr Moore's point was that being less well off and being in poverty were too completely different things.

Dock Work Bill gets its third reading

The Dock Work Bill, which would abolish the National Dock Labour Scheme, was given a third reading in the Commons late on Wednesday night, by 234 votes to 153 — Government majority, 81.

Moving third reading, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said that *the Labour Party, in defending* the labour scheme, were fighting yesterday's battles.

He said that the scheme had added to *the costs of ports*, hindered their competitive position and had led to restrictive practices. There had been big *strikes in every decade since the* scheme started in 1947.

Defenders of it spoke as if the conditions of the 1930s and 1940s *still existed. The days* when large numbers of unskilled labourers assembled, waiting to see if there was work for them, had gone for good.

Labour's pledge to reintroduce a statutory dock work scheme would prove to be a big and unpopular millstone.

"Our aim is that ports should take tomorrow's opportunities in the position created by the single European market. Unless *these ports succeed under com*petition, then no dock labour scheme past, present or future, will prevent (their) decline."

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on employment, said that the pell-mell rush to get the Bill through was *to enable blackleg labour to be* brought into the docks in case of a strike.

There had never been a reply from the Government to the central accusation that the abolition of the scheme would lead to a return of casualization. Mr *Fowler quoted the press release* of dock employers that there would not be such a return.

In 1970, the port employers had made exactly the same promise. Within 18 months, after the collapse of two companies, they had re-introduced casualization.

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In an industry subject to fluctuations in demand, the employers' obvious objective would be to reduce to a core *labour force and employ others* on a casual basis.

The Dock Labour Scheme had provided a marker for *proper standards. Without it,* commercial market pressures would drive down standards.

Government opposition to the scheme was based on its hostility to joint decision-making between union and employers. The Government had *plotted and planned with* employers the destruction of this scheme. It was daily clearer why ministers had pulled the *trigger a few weeks ago.*

Mr Robert Wareing (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab) said that if the Government had done its homework it would know that many continental ports ran dock labour schemes efficiently and effectively.

Miss Dawn Primarolo (Bristol South, Lab) said that the employers had sought to project themselves as helpless victims whose hands were tied behind *their backs, but the scheme was* run by a board on which they and unions were equally represented. Dockers could be dis*missed for misconduct, too.*

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said that the Tories needed and wanted a strike. There had been a conspiracy between the Government and the employers. The economy was in tatters and it would *be useful to divert the attention* of the population.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, Dem) said that a strike in the ports on this issue would be foolish and would damage Britain's economic interest. It would ruin Labour's attempts to suggest that they had been "repackaged" and would remind the people that the party was the creature of the trade union movement.

Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposi*tion spokesman on employ*ment, said that nobody on the Opposition relished the pros*pect of a national dock strike.*

"We hope that when the matter has been resolved in the courts, the Government will invite the employers and union into the Department of Employment and discuss with them what progress might be made in negotiating arrangements to replace the scheme, because there is no need for a strike."

Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment, said that the scheme's unique statutory restrictions had held back the performance of scheme ports. They were losing business and jobs to competitors outside the scheme.

Tory MPs walk out after 'insult to the House'

Two prominent backbench Conservatives walked out of a Commons debate on vehicle emissions early on Thursday morning after accusing the Government of insulting the House.

They were Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) and Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend East, C), both of whom asserted that the debate would serve no purpose because the Government had already announced on Wednesday that it intended to support tight new standards for exhaust emissions on new small cars.

As the debate opened on a motion taking note of an EC document on vehicle emissions and supporting the Government's efforts to get agreement on emissions, Mr Taylor appealed for it to be called off, saying that it was an insult to Parliament to discuss the Government's approach after the announcement.

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Mr Aitken said that Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State for Transport, who moved the motion, did not understand the seriousness of the insult which the Government, through Mr Bottomley, was perpetrating.

MPs had come to the debate with views only to find that the Government's policy had been stated without hearing them.

Later, Mr Aitken described this as "a constitutional outrage". He said that the debate marked a low point in the already fragile relationship between Government and Parliament on the contentious issue of how the House should scrutinize EC matters. He did not like the role of "parliamentary eunuch". The discussion would be a sham and a charade.

He did not intend to move his amendment calling for a restart of consultations rather than acceptance of the directive, which, he said, would add to motoring costs and create additional emissions.

He withdrew the amendment and declared that he would walk out as a protest at the outrage. He and Mr Taylor then left the chamber.

Mr Bottomley **said that the walkout was sad. The Government could not always come to debates with an open mind.**

The motion was carried by 69 votes to 4 — Government majority, 65.

SPECTRUM

Divided they stand in Vauxhall

The Labour Party has launched its word-perfect by-election campaign in the face of local criticism over its choice of candidate. And, Matthew Parris discovers, many of the electorate are facing difficult choices

Now the summer months come round,
fun and pleasure will abound,
high and low and great and small,
run in droves to view Vauxhall.

Sadly, the old ballad describes a scene few today would recognize. The summer months have certainly come round. There is fun and pleasure (of a sort) to be found in the regular drag shows at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern and the "leather" bar of the Market Tavern at Nine Elms. But the only people running in droves to view Vauxhall this week have been journalists, sent to report the by-election caused by the sitting MP's departure to a better job in Italy.

As for "high and low, great and small", the low and the small are, on the whole, the electorate. A few of the great graze in the leafier parts of Kennington, while a scattering of the high do roost along Fentiman Road, where the discreet nests of a couple of MPs are to be found.

But most grandees are only visiting. Roy Hattersley, for instance, viewed Vauxhall briefly on Wednesday from the car taking him to Maritime House, Clapham, for the opening of Labour's campaign. Maritime House is the headquarters of the National Union of Seamen, and the murals around the conference room walls depict scenes of brotherly solidarity – a white seaman, for example, with a comforting arm around the shoulders of a black colleague. The spirit of the composition was noble: "Comrade, cast off your chains" perhaps. "Hello sailor" would have been less appropriate. And neither suited the mood of this launch. It was at the same time an auspicious, efficient start for a tightly managed campaign, and a rather sour little occasion.

Outside in the sunshine a small demonstration was being mounted by Rudy Narayan. Narayan is standing as an "Independent Labour" candidate, protesting at the imposition of a Labour candidate by the central party machine. Kate Hoey, he complains, is not black.

Nor is he. He is Asian. There exists a strange conspiracy between the hard-left and the tabloid-right (each with its own motives) to jumble Asians and Afro-Caribbeans into a single "black" entity. Whether the ethnic minorities of South London accept the merger is more doubtful. "Narayan?" a ticket inspector of African-Trinidadian descent, said to me: "He's that coolie-man lawyer in the newspapers." "Coolie" is a none-too-affectionate name that blacks use for Asians in Trinidad.

Narayan was pleasant, witty and cheeky, but more than anything he was mischievous. He glossed over the fact that, for an inner-city constituency, Vauxhall is not (contrary to what is fast becoming the accepted wisdom) particularly "black": little more than a quarter in fact. Some of the journalists to whom I spoke thought the constituency includes Brixton. It does not, quite. It stops just short.

Narayan believes that Labour's 1987 majority of 9,000 could be overturned by a split Labour vote. He is careless whether that lets in the Tory candidate, a young assistant bank manager, Michael Keegan. "I admit," Narayan says, "to a flirtation with the Conservative party. I was a member for a few months." Narayan also reminds you that he once belonged to the Labour party. Under pressure, he may mention a dalliance with the SDP. That leaves the Democrats: but they have a candidate, Mike Tuffrey.

Saeeda Narayan, stood loyally to one side of her husband smiling a smile of infinite tolerance and loving detachment. While her husband was being photographed, I asked her about her views. "Oh," she said, "I'm really a Conservative. I support Mrs Thatcher very strongly. But Rudy is my husband so I support him too. A conflict, yes, but this is my duty."

Mrs Narayan turned, to hear her husband being cross-examined on his age. "I'm not admitting to more than 25," he giggled. "Well," his wife told the Press, "I'm 40."

There was less spontaneity inside. Roy Hattersley read a prepared speech – of which advance copies had been distributed. Then, word for word, Kate Hoey read her own speech. One followed the text ("I'd like to thank Roy for his introduction and I'd like to take a few minutes to set out the issues . . .") to see whether, even by an apostrophe, she might dare depart from her script. But no, the only new element her physical presence added was the faintest of Ulster accents.

This, then, is the face of the modern Labour party. It was competent, formidable, and just a little cold. But that may only have been tension, for, unlike Narayan, Hoey is in this to win.

When the platform group swept out, they ran the gauntlet of Narayan's little band, now displaying placards which read "Glasnost in the Labour Party" in Chinese; and, more eloquently: "Hooey!" Hand-outs for the Revolutionary Community Candidate, Don Milligan, were being distributed, too.

Over by the wall, a quietly spoken black woman in traditional head scarf, Nilou Hawthorne, was advertising a public meeting to be held at a club called "The Fridge" in Brixton on Wednesday night, "to chose a black man or woman" to stand as "people's candidate". Anyone could apply. Anyone black, that was. But weren't the electorate mostly white? – yes, it was easy to confound her logic; inside Maritime House, Hattersley had pursed his lips and poured effective scorn on the "black sections' " argument.

Yet there was something dignified in Hawthorne's simple statement: "There are many thousands of black people here. We just do not feel that any of the parties wants to represent us, or has tried to understand. That is why we are putting forward our own candidate. It is the only way." One could dispute parts of that, and one could question the reasoning – given the electoral system, which among the mainstream candidates, only the Democrat is promising to change. But still Hawthorne made an impression. And no less for the fact that she did not need to hand out printed texts of what she was about to say.

Hoey and her band had left, by now, on an itinerary which included (the hand-out explained) a "walk to the launderette, Clapham Road, to meet Elsie, much respected local person".

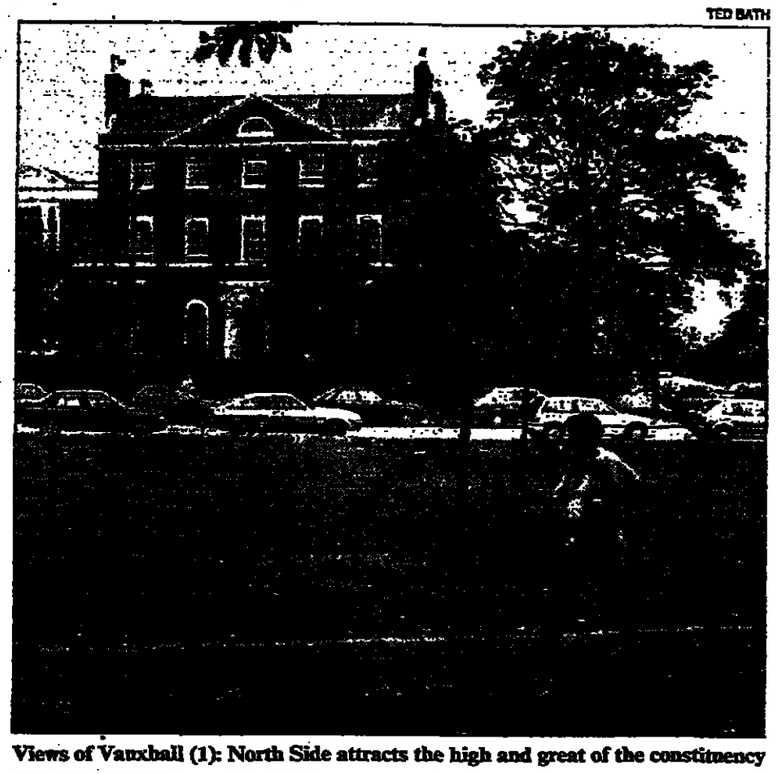
The Press dispersed. One of the day's greater pleasures was to watch Fleet Street journalists looking for a taxi on Clapham High Street.

I returned, later, to Vauxhall. Hattersley had told us that here we would find "poverty and homelessness . . . the results of the Social Security Review, visible on the streets". I looked hard, but found mostly shabbiness.

Visible, however, "on the streets" was a bank clerk who was going to vote Tory "again". A woman from a council estate told me: "I voted Liberal before because I didn't like the look of Labour last time. But I think I might vote for Mr Kinnock now." Two young black women told me they might vote Labour or they might not bother to vote for anybody because "they're all as bad as each other and they don't care about us minorities".

And how will Mrs Narayan vote? We may never know: but we know that, whichever way, it will hurt.

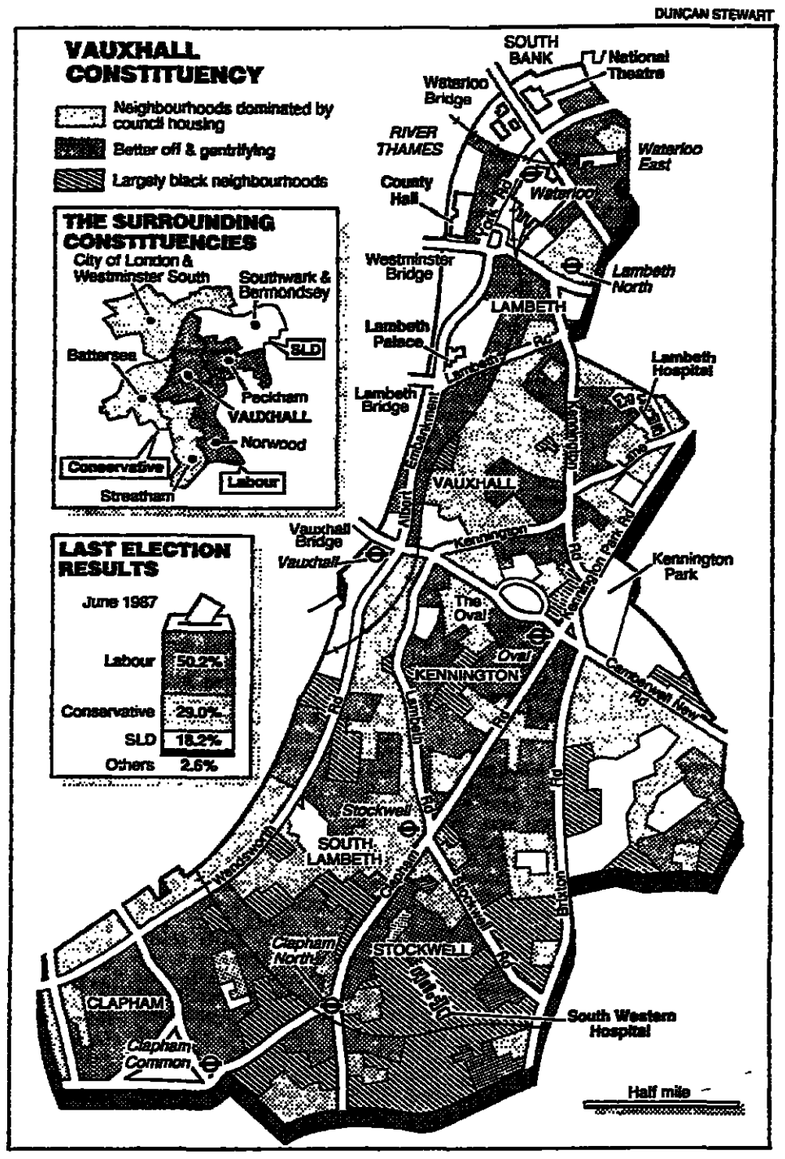
TED BATH



Views of Vauxhall (1): North Side attracts the high and great of the constituency

Views of Vauxhall (2): nothing but shabbiness on the streets of the low and small

DUNCAN STEWART



The market analysis consultant CACI has conducted a study of the Vauxhall constituency which describes a pattern of dynamic contrasts, and presents four distinct images (*John Whitehead writes*).

One is traditional London working class, living in the council estates of the borough of Lambeth. Levels of unemployment are well above the national average.

The second image is black, and black is the correct term here rather than immigrant. Estimates put the black population, now predominantly British by birth, at about 30 per cent of the total. Unemployment is also high.

The third dimension of Vauxhall is gentrification. White professional households are spreading out from traditional strongholds, such as around Clapham Common in the south of the constituency.

Young singles and students in the rented housing sector are the fourth element. In 1961, 15.8 per cent of households consisted of single non-pensioners, while 20.1 per cent were privately rented.

Vauxhall remains, on balance, poor and essentially working class. Overall unemployment in January 1989 stood at twice the national average, with more than half the working population employed in blue collar employment. Vauxhall is also, however, an area of mobility and change. In 1981, 15 per cent of the population had moved house in the previous year, and a population that had been in decline throughout the Seventies began to stabilize. Since 1981 the birthrate has increased significantly.

CACI's analysis of Vauxhall's consumer markets adds further colour to the picture of a dynamic, mixed metropolitan area. The proletarian base of the population accounts for above average consumption of cigarettes, confectionary and the tabloid Press. This is tempered by young city dwellers pushing up the markets for records and tapes.

Sympathy for the devil

The arrest of a war criminal in France, sheltered for 45 years by a Catholic order, has reopened some old wounds

In the sombre and infinitely shaded history of France under the Nazi occupation, the arrest of a convicted war criminal like Paul Touvier, captured on Wednesday after 45 years in hiding, inevitably threatens to pose more questions than it answers. For if the 74-year-old Touvier's murderous activities as head of the paramilitary pro-Nazi Milice in Lyons are amply documented by researchers and attested to by survivors, how and why and by whom had he been so effectively protected before the gendarmes finally came knocking on the door of the St Francis priory in the old town of Nice?

It already seems clear that for more than four decades, he had been under the wing of a secretive, ultra-conservative Catholic order, the Knights of Notre Dame. Yet few people in France would ever have heard of such a group: many of the French today are only dimly aware that an influential section of the Church collaborated closely with the Vichy puppet government during the Nazi occupation.

It is well known that numerous Catholic priests in France actively supported the Resistance, sometimes at the cost of deportation or execution: others sheltered fighters on the run and Jews and "politicals" hunted by Milice thugs. But others chose to lend their moral authority to Vichy, and by extension the Nazi authorities: among them was perhaps the most important and intriguing figure in the Touvier affair, Cardinal Pierre-Marie Gerlier, wartime archbishop of Lyons.

A fervent admirer of Marshal Philippe Pétain, figurehead of the collaborationist regime, he is believed to have been personally responsible for saving Touvier from arrest when the Allies entered Lyons in 1944. Yet Cardinal Gerlier was also among the first influential French churchmen to reject the ruthless persecution of Jews under Vichy: by some accounts, his protection of Touvier was the price for the Milice chief saving 42 Jewish hostages marked down for death. Perhaps this is another illustration of the vast and treacherous grey area between open collaboration and sworn resistance which every post-war government in France has studiously avoided examining too closely for fear of what could emerge.

As other Milice men were being lynched or facing firing squads, Touvier found his destiny in the hands of the Knights of Notre Dame. For an order which today insists it is nothing more than a 400-strong group of lay Catholics dedicated to "prayer, charity and study of the saints", it had some excellent contacts within the most conservative wing of French Catholicism.

Take the controversy over the decision of President Georges Pompidou to pardon Touvier fully in 1971: twice sentenced to death in absentia for war crimes, a fugitive from justice until the time limit on these offences expired in 1967, the former "Hangman of Lyons" hardly seemed a candidate for rehabilitation. Yet sustained pressure from leading French churchmen ultimately won Pompidou over.

Underground again, after new charges of "crimes against humanity" were laid against him, Touvier was handed on to the followers of Monsignor Marcel Lefebvre, the hardline traditionalist whom the Pope excommunicated last year. These links were particularly strong in the south of France, where the political climate is favourable to the right-wing extremism exemplified by Jean-Marie le Pen and his National Front.

It appears likely that Touvier will eventually stand trial in the same dock in Lyons where Klaus Barbie – the city's other hangman – was sentenced to life two years ago. Will he talk, as did Barbie with sardonic relish, of the enthusiasm with which many other French did the Nazis' dirty work, of sordid betrayals as Resistance groups flew at each other's throats?

That would certainly reopen deep and painful wounds, forcing France to confront the reality of collaboration at almost every level of society. Even more damaging could be Touvier's own full story of how part of the Catholic Church had worked so hard to save him from this final day in court.

Philip Jacobson

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MARTIN FLETCHER

Labour's Mo Mowlam has been an MP for less than two years, but is already a front-bench Northern Ireland spokesman and has now been made assistant co-ordinator of her party's Euro-election campaign. Though it helps to be a woman, she is clearly a rising star. But it is pure chance that she is an MP at all. When Mrs Thatcher called the 1987 general election she had just quit as a college administrator and had no future plans. Standing for Parliament had not crossed her mind. Then, three days before the campaign proper was due to begin she got a call from Labour's northern regional office. Jim Tinn had unexpectedly resigned as MP for Redcar. The constituency chairman, the council leader and the local co-op representative were on the shortlist to replace him, and a token woman was needed. Mowlam agreed to let her name go forward. On Sunday night she was, to her astonishment, selected and on Monday morning began campaigning. Three weeks later she was MP for a safe Labour seat and has never looked back.

● Some good news for our beleaguered Chancellor, Nigel Lawson — his high interest rates are clearly beginning to bite. At the Tories' Winter Ball in February a bottle of Commons whisky signed by Mrs Thatcher fetched £24,000. On Wednesday an original cartoon of the Cabinet signed by all its members fetched just £1,400.

It's enough to make your blood run cold. Just 23 months after the last general election, the Democrats have begun preliminary planning for the next. Their first decision has been to abandon the "battlebus". In 1987, you may recall, Messrs Steel and Owen each had one of those vivid yellow vehicles. The journalists who travelled with them had a field day. They asked a question of Owen. They then used their portable telephones to get their colleagues on the other bus to put the same question to Steel. If the answer was not identical, they had an Alliance split.

Notwithstanding past experiences, Steel remains keen on buses for campaigning. He is now standing as a Euro-candidate in Italy. Journalists are, for obvious reasons, eager to fly out and cover his progress. His aides are scouring Italy for a London double-decker to hire for the duration.

Remember Harvey Proctor? He was the Billericay MP who was found guilty of gross indecency and resigned in May 1987. Backed by Jeffrey Archer, Michael Heseltine and a dozen other Tory MPs, who put up around £5,000 apiece, he opened a shop in Richmond, London, last August, selling shirts, silk ties and boxer shorts. His talents were clearly wasted at Westminster. Ten months on, he's opening a second shop in Knightsbridge.

● Some people love to be seen with politicians. Politicians love to be seen with stars. Now who was that sitting with Health Minister David Mellor in the Commons public gallery on Tuesday? Oh yes. Charlton Heston. Old acquaintances, I'm told.

BARRY FANTONI

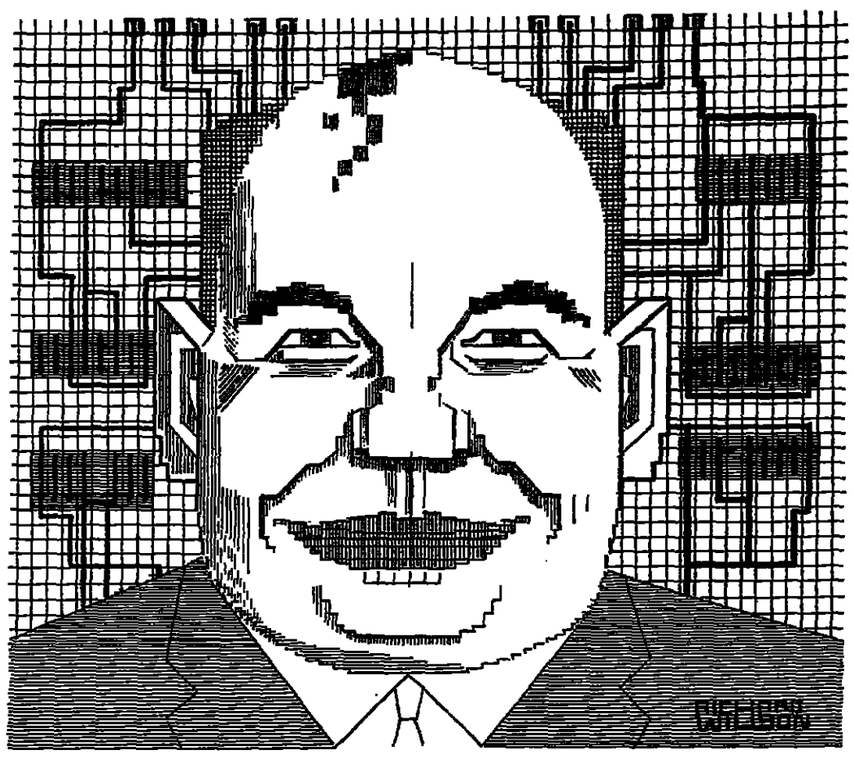
'I can remember a time when one dreaded seeing one's name in a story'

At last. A British sporting triumph. A peers' and MPs' tennis team has just flown back from Washington bearing the Senators Cup, their reward for beating a Congress team led by Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Michael Dukakis's running mate in the presidential election. I have to admit they had a little outside help. Tory MP Malcolm Moss managed to injure himself almost before he began. Casting around for a substitute, they found the former Wimbledon champion, Virginia Wade, now a stately 43. She rose magnificently to the occasion. With the overall score 12-12, she won the last set of the tournament to give the Brits their first ever victory.

● One hundred and thirty-five Tory backbenchers have signed John Redwood's somewhat smarmy Commons motion endorsing Mrs Thatcher's extreme suspicion of all things European. Overwhelming support? In this case, I think not. Roughly the same number have resisted unusually robust behind-the-scenes pressure, and declined to sign.

Why the KGB spies suffer glasnost gladly

The latest espionage row shows again the West's reluctance to come to terms with the Soviet ideological struggle, writes James Sherr



As *détente* grows, so do the activities of the Soviet intelligence services. This has become a law of East-West relations: as undeniable as Western perplexity about it. To most Westerners, improved relations and increased spying are incompatible, or at least incongruous. To the Russians, there is no incongruity whatever. The latest spy row between Britain and the Soviet Union reveals once again our congenital reluctance to come to terms with Soviet practice and the thinking behind it.

Both the practice and the thinking are impressively documented. Alexsei Myagkov, a former colonel in the KGB's Third Chief Directorate, stationed in East Germany in the 1970s, brought to the West copies of orders from Yuri Andropov (then KGB chief), ordering KGB operatives to use the opportunity afforded by *ostpolitik* to step up recruitment of West German agents and increase penetration of West German institutions.

Stanislav Levchenko, KGB *rezident* in Tokyo, revealed that similar directives were issued after the signing of the Helsinki accords in 1975. Ilya Dzhirkvelov, a mid-level KGB official (and in that capacity Deputy Secretary-General of the Soviet Union of Journalists) has testified in considerable detail as to how *détente* is used to increase "ideological struggle" against the West.

This term tends to provoke consternation where it does not expose ignorance. But the concept, if not the term itself, remains essential to a regime that continues to divide international relations into two: inter-state relations (the business of the Soviet Foreign Ministry) and social or "class" relations (the business of the "active measures" apparatus, including the Communist Party's International Department and its "action arm", the KGB). Whether or not "class" retains any influence upon modern Soviet thinking, this duality plays a vital role for leaders who attach as much importance to the covert dimension of policy as to its overt half.

For all its conspicuous weaknesses, the forte of the Soviet system has been its ability to harness the many overt and covert tools of policy to a common aim. What is the aim of Soviet policy in the age of *glasnost*? In a word, *perestroika*, or reconstruction: an effort unlikely to succeed without Western technological assistance, and bound to fail if the West continues to regard the USSR as its enemy. The "eradication of the image of the enemy" has therefore become the Soviet Union's highest foreign policy goal. It is pursued overtly and flamboyantly through arms initiatives, trade negotiations and an intensive regime of private and public diplomacy.

As their enemy image has receded, the Russians, as in previous periods of *détente*, have increased their covert activities. In the area of technological espionage alone, these activities not only involve the KGB, but Warsaw Pact intelligence services, as well as the GRU (Soviet military intelligence). But if the eradication of the enemy image is paramount, why increase these activities and risk exposure? If past experience is any guide, we can hazard three answers.

The first is that Western governments are likely to expose only a fraction of the whole effort. Outside the Eastern bloc, few understand — and perhaps few will accept — that the KGB (and most of its Warsaw Pact analogues) has the right to penetrate and utilize all Soviet institutions, state and "private". Western counter-intelligence services know this well, but how effective will they continue to be as barriers come down, and East-West exchanges reach unprecedented levels? Plans today are well advanced for the training of hundreds of Soviet and Eastern bloc managers throughout the EC. How many will be intelligence officers? How many others, honest in their own motives, will make their compromises with the "organs" in exchange for permission to work and study here? Can private Western institutions be expected to remain vigilant when Western governments speak solely of the opportunities afforded by such exchanges?

The second answer is that the Russians believe Western governments will be prepared to pay a price for better relations. Gorbachov understands that whatever the preference of government in London, Paris or Bonn, politics is the art of the possible. How many governments will put contracts at risk and endanger economic interests by expelling diplomats, trade officials and journalists — not to speak of scientists, researchers and students?

The third answer is that spying and other "provocations" remain a cost-effective way to test the fibre of Soviet opponents. Probably the most skilful provocation in recent years, the so-called Daniloff affair, in which the US journalist Nicholas Daniloff was arrested in Moscow, was widely seen as a "blunder", the term invariably invoked when the Russians fail to play by Western rules. Gorbachov's disregard of Mrs Thatcher's warnings about spying is already prompting the same verdict: that her response surprised Gorbachov and that his counter-measures followed from rage, rather than reason.

But Gorbachov is not so foolish (nor so foolishly advised) to suppose that Mrs Thatcher would not act like Mrs Thatcher: nor so haphazard not to plan his counter-measures beforehand. With a visit to Bonn in prospect, these counter-measures make perfect sense. What better way to warn Bonn of the consequences of following Mrs Thatcher's lead and acting in her intemperate ways? And how better to increase Britain's isolation in the Euro-missile dispute?

Our latest spy row is an omen of Mrs Thatcher's changed position in Gorbachov's calculations. For years, her endorsement was pivotal in his battle to gain respectability among the right and move the Reagan Administration from "anti-Sovietism" to "new thinking". With these goals behind him, Gorbachov now turns to a more ambitious agenda — using Germany's longing for central Europe to bury Atlanticism.

Mrs Thatcher's support cannot be sought in this pursuit, because it runs flatly counter to British interests. For Gorbachov, the time has come to neutralize rather than woo Mrs Thatcher.

The past week's events should remind us of the many roles played by ideological struggle in Soviet policy, and of the importance attached to this activity. To a leadership determined to cut burdens without cutting corners, ideological struggle is cost-effective struggle, and it is bound to remain intense.

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Robin Oakley

The price on the Chancellor's head

Entering the European Parliament elections, Mrs Thatcher has a worried party on her hands. Conscious already of the unpopularity of such measures as water privatization and the poll tax, shaken by Labour's best by-election performance in 50 years, Tory MPs have been further alarmed by the open splits on Europe, the fog surrounding the expulsion of Soviet spies, and the relentless upward rise of interest rates.

They do not like, and they know the electorate does not like, the impression that the Government is no longer in control, and being pushed around by events. But what worries them more is that the Prime Minister and her Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, seem less like close partners than a couple locked into a loveless marriage, staying together for the children's sake.

Lawson's stock with the party is not what it was. Less than a year ago he was a Tory hero, an architect of the 1987 election victory. After he and the Prime Minister had squabbled in March 1987 about exchange rate policy, his strength was such that she was forced to heap extravagant praise on him in her end-of-term address to the 1922 Committee.

Nigel, she said, had "handled everything marvellously". His Budget was "quite the most brilliant we have seen . . . brilliant in concept, brilliant in drafting and brilliant in delivery". They banged their desks in agreement.

> **'The Chancellor and Mrs Thatcher seem less like close partners than a couple locked into a loveless marriage, staying together for the sake of the children'**

After 10 rises in interest rates within the year, Lawson is no longer seen as such a wonder. His Budget forecasts on inflation, on growth and on the balance of payments have gone awry.

The MPs who cheered him a year ago now confess to real worries about whether his predictions about a downturn in inflation and the balance of payments deficit can be trusted. In the past, question marks of this seriousness might have led to a change of Chancellor.

But Lawson and Thatcher are locked in together. For a start there is no one in the Cabinet to rival him in the job. Cecil Parkinson, an underrated figure, and Nicholas Ridley have been mentioned as possible replacements. But nobody is queuing at the Whips' office to press for their immediate propulsion into Number Eleven. Besides, if Lawson were to be dumped now it would be a confession that the Government's economic strategy has been wrong.

And yet how comfortable will Thatcher and Lawson be, working together on the question that will ultimately determine the outcome of the next election?

Only last week, prime-ministerial carelessness in a BBC interview set off another round of stories that she blamed Lawson for the damaging rise to 8 per cent inflation. Although that was corrected with a telephoned apology from 10 Downing Street, it was significant that news of that telephone call came from the Treasury, not from Number Ten.

Almost certainly she hadn't intended to down the Chancellor. But there is a crucial tension between them over the European Monetary System, which he would like to join but she rejects. To buttress her opinions on that issue she has reinstalled Sir Alan Walters as her economic adviser. Her reference to inflation and Lawson's 1988 shadowing of the D-Mark was yet another snipe at the perils of EMS. And colleagues repeat with awe stories of the verbal sharpness between Prime Minister and Chancellor in Cabinet committees.

The blame game goes on both ways. Mrs Thatcher was guiltless this week in her Question Time remarks, seized upon by City interests as an excuse to sell sterling. She took exactly the line that she and the Chancellor had taken all along.

But when interviewed on Wednesday on *The World at One*, Lawson said, admittedly only at the second time of asking: "I really wouldn't attribute what's happening on the foreign exchange markets *solely* [my emphasis] to what the Prime Minister said." In his book she was partly to blame. And not surprisingly: though the pound had been under pressure from the rising dollar for some weeks, it was only on Friday, after her World Service interview seemingly blaming her Chancellor for inflation, that it began to lose ground against other currencies.

Accounts filtering out of the meetings between Prime Minister and Chancellor, when they settled on the increase in interest rates, and then confirmed it, suggest that the tone was sharp. But they had the sense to present it as their joint decision.

Tories now hope that the Chancellor can keep interest rates at the new level and bring them down soon enough to stop mortgage rates chasing them up. Further increases in home-loan rates really would set Tory nerves jangling. Meanwhile, the Opposition's economic trio of John Smith, Gordon Brown and Bryan Gould grow visibly more confident in attacking the Chancellor's "one club" golfing style in tackling the economy.

It is quite a while since Labour, not the Tories, have looked the more convincing in talking of disarray on the other side. Politically, there is still plenty of time for the economy to be pulled round before the next election. But if the advance in Labour's confidence is to be stopped, the Prime Minister and her Chancellor quite literally have to get their act together.

Only explain: the prescription for Kenneth Clarke

Jill Sherman suggests a more flexible approach to NHS reform

With the launch of its £600,000 national advertising campaign, there is no doubt that the British Medical Association is winning the propaganda war on NHS reforms. Advertisements showing a patient alone in a ward 50 miles from home have more impact than bullish statements from Kenneth Clarke that the advertisements are "blatantly untrue".

Doctors' claims that price will dictate care, that comprehensive services are to be destroyed and patients treated like "processed peas" are more convincing to the layman than arguments about increased competition and choice. The present BMA campaign builds on the 11 million leaflets sent to GPs' surgeries earlier this year, explaining the profession's concern. The result has been a stream of bewildered, frightened patients at MPs' surgeries.

The Government has got its public relations effort badly wrong. Clarke and his team have aggressively sold a radical package of changes, pushing to the forefront the more controversial proposals, such as GP budget-holders and self-governing hospitals. These hospitals have been touted as independent centres of excellence with a new freedom to run their own affairs. In reality, hospitals that opt out are likely to be subject to fairly strict controls, the main difference from other NHS hospitals being their "freedom" to set pay rates and borrow from the private sector (although even this is to be within Treasury limits).

The same White Paper could have been sold quite differently. Ministers could have concentrated on the plan to allow hospitals to trade with one another under an internal market, a concept more difficult to grasp than opting-out hospitals, and probably more difficult to oppose. They could also have underlined the drive to widen medical audit, and improve standards of care.

Before August last year the Government was on course for an "evolutionary" reform, with lots of pilot studies and no Big Bang. What happened?

As soon as he took over from John Moore, Clarke was intent on putting his own stamp on the NHS review. By the end of the year pilot studies were out and phased implementation was in. A month later Clarke launched his "radical" reform. By February this year, he was saying that every hospital in the country could opt out and that the minimum list size of 11,000 patients for GP budget-holders was not binding. The reform would go ahead, and any campaign by doctors or nurses to try to persuade him otherwise was a waste of money. This was hardly the cautious approach befitting a man with an embryonic plan trying to win over a million health service employees, and Clarke paid the price.

Clarke's PR machinery has so far failed because the Government does not yet have the answers to the questions posed by the medical profession and, increasingly, the public.

How will the care of patients improve? How will GPs' referral rights be affected? What happens if a doctor wants to override a contract struck by the district by sending a patient to a different hospital? What financial penalties will be imposed if they overspend their drugs budget? What really happens if GPs run out of money? What plans have been prepared for training and research? Who will pay for patients to travel to a distant hospital? How free will self-governing hospitals be to run their own affairs? What happens if one goes bankrupt? What will happen to services for the mentally ill, the elderly and the mentally handicapped in the community? The Government remains an easy target until it can give answers.

Clarke's other mistake is his insistence on splitting hairs over semantics. Doctors, managers, health academics and nurses have been demanding pilot studies for the reform. With a belated change of tune, Clarke is now talking about "very experimental" stages of the reform. On Wednesday he went further and told the Social Services Select Committee that the changes would come about by an "evolution of volunteers". Yet he refuses to call the first wave of self-governing hospitals and GP practice budgets "pilots", although this essentially is what they will have to be.

The Health Secretary should now slow down, sell the more positive, less controversial, parts of the reform to the public (quality controls, medical audit, speeding up appointments), say how and where he thinks care of patients will improve, and answer people's questions. The public needs to know more before it can judge the reform. There is no evidence yet that the plans will improve the health service, let alone solve the problem of its increasing costs.

Instead of boasting about the number of nominations for self-governing hospitals, which regions will submit on May 31, Clarke will make it clear that only 20 or so would be in the first phase. He should also take up the BMA's suggestion of having a pilot trial, say in one region, of the four key aspects of reform working together: self-governing hospitals, GP budget-holders, cash-limited drug budgets and an internal market. Knowing whether these plans can interact is vital to any evaluation.

Some managers may share Clarke's impatience to get on with the reform. But delaying the deadline of April 1991, while a few schemes are tested (then adapted or ditched), would allow a pricing mechanism to be set up and quality standards established.

The BMA should, in turn, now provide well thought-out alternative proposals, including a detailed plan for a regional pilot study. In the middle of a campaign of opposition the BMA will not wish to appear too conciliatory. But the bewildered public is becoming impatient. The debate has to move on from the present slanging match.

At the court of Cricklewood

ALAN COREN

Grim News. The street has its first Ambassadorial Residence.

It does not, you understand, have an ambassador *in* residence, merely a residence waiting for an ambassador to come and reside in it, but it can be only a matter of time, if Benham and Reeves have anything to do with it. Their sign appeared yesterday morning, four residences up the road. Indeed, it is quite possible, at so auspicious a moment in Cricklewood's hitherto modest diplomatic history, that the sign was actually put there by Benham and Reeves themselves — Benham holding the pole, perhaps, while Reeves swung the mallet — but that is only romantic surmise. I did not catch them at it, I merely reeled back at the escutcheoned result.

FOR SALE, it said, AMBASSADORIAL RESIDENCE.

Quite how their Nomenclature Deparument arrived at this designation, who can fathom? To the casual eye, the house is not even Consular. Its closest friends would blush to call it Third-secretarial. As a matter of fact, four years ago it was LARGE FAMILY HOME, and that, to some of us, was gilding the lily.

Since then, however, it has been tarted up. It has been diplomatized to the highest standards. Initially a five-bedroom Edwardian redbrick, it has recently had men in the roof. They have now gone, and left the precast dormers of four new attic bedrooms poking through the tiles, so that the house now has an impressive third storey in the ever-popular dog's-dinner style. It also has a neo-Palladian portico in acropolitan polystyrene — when the truck arrived, I did, for a brief, heady moment, think the two columns might be marble, until a tiny bloke hopped off the back with one under each arm — and a sweeping carriage drive, almost big enough for two cars, in a fetching carmine asphalt so robust as to have weathered the current warm spell with hardly a bubble. Oh yes, and it's got a reproduction lamp-post at one end: I have not seen it lit as yet, but even so, you can tell it would look very smart with an ambassador leaning on it.

Which, of course, is the aspect that bothers me most. I have seen ambassadorial residences elsewhere, five stretched black Mercedes immunely stacked on the pavement out front, shirt-sleeved constables chatting up giggling chambermaids, much in the manner of some lawks-a-mercy ITV costume serial, a couple of dispirited coves in clotted beards parading a hand-lettered sign demanding that the president hang himself, and I have not liked what I have seen.

And those were in such recognizedly ambassadorial districts as Kensington and St John's Wood, where one may generally assume that the embassies belong to countries you can find on a map. But we are a fair hike, down here, from the Court of St James: what kind of nation is going to dump its plenipotentiary in Cricklewood? If Benham and Reeves see their seductive ways rewarded, we shall end up with His Excellency the Ambassador for Ghastli, granted his portfolio for defenestrating the previous president and prising the green eye of the little yellow god from the hapless crook's Zurich account for the grateful benefit of the incoming megalomaniac.

He will have eight hysterical wives and as many raddled mistresses, he will throw all-night thrashes for his diplomatic sidekicks from Grisli, and Lower Behavia, and The New Peccadilloes, he will park the Ghastlian fleet of clapped-out Morris Oxfords all over the verges, and his ululating bodyguards will sit in the dormer windows plugging our domestic animals with their Uzis, on the unassailable grounds that this is Ghastlian territory, where the cat is known to be the corporeal form of Old Nick.

He will naturally be overthrown every other week, to be immediately underthrown again, with the result that our presently benign air will reek constantly from stun grenades and incinerating files, and echo with the noise of ricochet and disembowelling. No doubt, too, our own plucky Queen's Light Balaclavas will occasionally be called upon to abseil down our wisteria and burst through our bedroom windows to set up forward beachheads for bullhorn and mortar and prime-ministerial walkabout.

I shall probably move, provided Benham's still bother with ordinary English houses. Then again, they could always call it THIS FORMERLY CASTELLAR RESIDENCE.

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SPY WARS

The current tensions in Anglo-Soviet relations should serve to remind the West of the Soviet Union's continued ability to "do the police in different voices". The contradiction between Mr Gorbachov's declared intention of dealing amicably with the West, and the intensification of Soviet espionage in Britain and other Western countries, so glaring to Western eyes, does not exist in the Soviet perspective.

"New political thinking" in Soviet foreign policy means the modernization of ideological competition, not its abolition. The restructuring of a technologically and economically under-developed superpower positively requires employing every means of gaining access to Western technology. The overt and covert dimensions of Soviet diplomacy, as Mr Sherr points out on the opposite page are complementary dimensions of Soviet policy.

Yesterday, Moscow added two new dimensions to its exploitation against Britain of Western rules. On the main front in the current war of nerves, it accused two of the expelled British correspondents of involvement with British intelligence. This is a cynical gambit which clearly responds to the cautious elaboration by the Foreign Office of the reasons for Britain's expulsions of Soviet diplomats and journalists last weekend.

The Kremlin's choice of a second front suggests that somebody in Moscow has a sense of humour. Employing new procedures enabling the 35 governments involved in the CSCE Helsinki process to scrutinize human rights violations, Moscow has opened a complaint against Britain for violation of its obligations under the Helsinki agreements to promote the free movement of people between countries.

The Soviet Union contends that the British 1988 Immigration Act could prevent Soviet citizens from settling in this country. Under the procedure, the British Government is now required to provide information on the working of the Act – which does indeed limit immigration and family reunion rights.

Britain successfully invoked this procedure earlier this year over the Soviet Government's refusal to let a cancer patient come to London for treatment. Moscow's complaint, timed just before the opening on Tuesday of a CSCE conference on "the human dimension" of the Helsinki accords, turns the tables.

Coming from a government which does not accord its citizens automatic rights even to travel abroad, let alone to emigrate (both enjoined on it under Helsinki), the query verges on impertinence. The precedent, however, is more important than the ground chosen, and Britain's response should be straight-faced compliance with the request. The Soviet Union's resort to the human rights complaints procedure confirms its acceptance of a tool for which the West has long negotiated.

Its challenge also happens, although the Foreign Office discounts the possibility of a connection, to fit neatly with its drive to neutralize British influence in East-West diplomacy. Important lessons need to be learnt about how Britain is now to "do business", as the Prime Minister once put it, with Mr Gorbachov.

First, policy must be predicated on the assumption that there is no differentiation between Kremlin diplomacy and KGB activity. Secondly, the severity of Moscow's reaction to the expulsion of its agents is no knee-jerk response of a government taken by surprise.

The ceiling it imposed last Monday on British nationals and Soviet staff employed by them in the Soviet Union was intended to affect British commercial interests. It serves notice to other Western governments – particularly, perhaps, West Germany, whose business with the Soviet Union is far more important both economically and in domestic political terms – that expelling Soviet spies is expensive. It also promotes the Soviet drive for the abolition of quotas on the number of its nationals operating in the West, quotas imposed in the British case in order to place some limits on its covert operations in this country.

The best counter is silence: over-reaction, either to mend fences or to freeze relations, would play the Kremlin's game. The Government should make it clear that Britain is not to be intimidated, and is perfectly prepared to live with diminished bilateral contacts, if that is the price exacted by Moscow for protecting British national security.

That need not imply withdrawing credits or cancelling agreements. It is not in Britain's interest to war over trifles: a temperate and legalistic consistency would more clearly illuminate the contrast between states which play by the rules and those which do not.

Britain, in common with other Western governments, has to contend with publics charmed by Mr Gorbachov's "human face" diplomacy. The spectacle of the more sinister dimensions of Soviet foreign policy is now exposed to contemplation. It should be left as far as possible undisturbed.

A CHANCELLOR AND HIS CHURCH

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has so far been reticent about his conflict with the authorities of the Free Presbyterian Church. Enough is known of his views, however, for it to be clear that he faces a distressing dilemma now that his appeal against suspension from Communion has been dismissed.

His offence was to have attended two Roman Catholic requiem Masses, events which are described in the Westminster Confessional, to which his Church resolutely adheres, as blasphemies. He was unrepentant.

A binding undertaking that he would never again attend a Roman Catholic funeral Mass might have aided his appeal. But before the outcome of yesterday's case, he was said to take the view that it would be incompatible with the office of Lord Chancellor for him to give such a commitment. He is now to be suspended from Communion for six months.

To all but the 6,000 membership of the Free Presbyterian Church itself, and some of those of similar persuasion in Northern Ireland, the dismissal of his appeal will look like an act of extremism. A number of senior judges are likely to be Roman Catholics at any given moment, and, if one of them died, a Lord Chancellor would normally be expected to pay his respects to their memory.

The question for the Church's synod yesterday was not what he did or why he did it, but whether it is still required that Free Presbyterian members should take so literally the traditional Calvinistic thunder against "Romish Masses" that they should treat any contact with them, even by mere silent presence as in Lord Mackay's case, as some sort of brush with evil.

That view prevailed yesterday; but Lord Mackay does not share it, as his actions have abundantly made clear. He now may be asking himself whether he must resign from one or other of the offices he seems to think may be incompatible – as the Lord Chancellor and as a member, indeed elder, of his Church.

It is not required by the constitution nor by common sense that he should resign from either. Attendance at the funeral of a deceased judge is a courtesy to the family and an expression of sorrow at the death; but it is not an essential function of the Lord Chancellor's office.

If a Lord Chancellor really did believe that fellow judges who were Roman Catholics – or any others of that faith with whom he might have to deal – were in league with the devil, he would not be suitable to hold such an office. Lord Mackay has given no grounds for such fears: on the contrary, he has acted decently.

Pressure on him concerning the performance of his essential duties in the administration of justice would have been another matter entirely. Even so, it would be unreasonable to treat Lord Chancellors, or holders of similar high offices, as if they were different from normal mankind.

They have consciences, and they may have a religious faith; and they are probably better at their job because of it. They are entitled to belong to the church, synagogue or mosque of their choice; and that institution may well consider part of its proper function is to advise the consciences of its members in the decisions they have to make.

When there is a conflict only the member himself can really decide how to act. Lord Mackay deserves continued public confidence in whatever way he resolves his difficulty.

POST EARLY, POST OFTEN

Few public services are so exposed to private criticism as the Royal Mail. Its seemingly eternal failure to meet the standards which it sets itself competes with the weather as a conversational set-piece. The programme of improvements announced yesterday will not escape close and sceptical scrutiny.

This is just as well. The service is an important part of Britain's commercial infrastructure and its performance impinges on that of the national economy. A joint report earlier this week from the Mail Users' Association and the Association of Mail Order Publishers accused it of costing businesses some £4 billion through losses and delays to letters every year.

Part of the problem is the labour-intensive nature of the post, even in these days of automation. The difficulty of recruiting postal workers in South-East England is well documented, with annual staff turnover of up to 90 per cent in places. The correlation between poor performance and labour problems underlines the need to give this high priority.

For how long the problem can be solved by importing teams of workers from the North is a matter for conjecture. As a temporary expedient, it makes good sense, matching people to jobs in an imaginative way.

Much of the Royal Mail's difficulty hinges, however, on an uneven pattern of posting. Letters written by British businessmen during the day are posted in bulk by secretaries at night. In the first place this often involves a delay which the businessmen themselves do not appreciate. In the second, it leads to a log-jam at certain times. This should be helped by the more extensive use of road transport to get more district mail to sorting offices by midnight – instead of the more customary 3 am. But earlier posting by businesses needs encouraging.

The most useful part of the Royal Mail's latest programme may be that which invokes the public's co-operation. To talk in terms of "averages" when describing the performance of the first or second-class post has always seemed a misleading official practice. To expect the mail to travel from one part of the country to another with equal efficiency is to ignore geography.

To ensure that a first-class letter arrives at its destination at breakfast-time next day one might need to catch a particular collection. The decision to send consumers a guide to the latest practical times for posting sheds some of the Royal Mail's responsibility on to the user. This is partly presentational. But it should help to spread the postal load.

If no improvements are forthcoming, the Government should reconsider introducing some form of private competition. This might be practicable in at least some areas of the Royal Mail's present service – perhaps in the collection and sorting of the post. It is probably the threat of competition which has helped to induce this latest postal programme. Meanwhile, the Royal Mail should turn its attention to the reintroduction of the Sunday collection. Few single measures could do more to restore its popularity.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steps to save the African elephant

From Dr Robin Pellew

Sir, Let no one believe that a ban on its own, as your leading article (May 24) seems to, will save the African elephant from extinction. The inexorable decline in the black rhino is a sorry manifestation of the ineffectiveness of trade controls to prevent the killing of African wildlife.

One effect of a ban will be to accelerate the price rise in raw ivory, and without stringent policing, there will always be sufficient maverick entrepreneurs and governments attracted by the rich rewards to support a clandestine trade.

For prohibition to work, it must be introduced as one component in a co-ordinated package of measures to protect the elephant.

This must include enforcement of trade controls of both raw and carved ivory, including effective measures to handle the substantial stockpiles of tusks held in warehouses around the world; and financial measures to compensate those countries, such as Zimbabwe, which manage their elephant populations effectively and whose conservation agencies depend upon foreign exchange from the legal sale of ivory and skins.

Substantial injections of cash and equipment are needed to enable African countries to enforce the ban and to step up their anti-poaching efforts; and there must be accelerated investment in conservation education and public awareness throughout Africa.

Britain should, as you say, press for an immediate trade ban by the European Community and provide urgently-needed funds for controlling elephant poaching in Africa and urge its European partners to do the same; and it should exert pressure on Hong Kong, which is covered by the UK ratification of CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) to abide by any decision to prohibit the international trade in ivory.

It should also use its global influence, particularly through its connections with the Commonwealth, to ensure that the ban sticks; and it must accept that the listing of the African elephant in Appendix 1 of the Convention is not itself a solution to the problem, but merely the first step in a long struggle which must be sustained by the commitment of adequate funding for many years to come.

The African elephant symbolises the natural heritage of the African people. To squander this resource for the benefit of Asian middle-men or to buy arms for guerrilla wars is a crime against their inheritance. But to rely solely upon a trade agreement to enforce conservation is short-sighted and foolhardy.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN PELLEW (Director),
World Conservation Monitoring Centre,
219c Huntingdon Road,
Cambridge.
May 24.

Business worries over Soviet clash

From Dr John M. Howell

Sir, As a businessman engaged in trade with the USSR I view the current round of expulsions and their escalation with dismay.

From about the time of Sir Alec Douglas-Home's mass expulsion of Soviets in 1971 the Soviet authorities, in the shape of the then Ministry of Foreign Trade, have exercised a policy of discrimination against British goods and products which resulted in a decline in the extent and quality of our bilateral trade. This has left British companies even today unprepared to take full advantage of the new business opportunities of *perestroika* compared with their US and European competitors.

The recent historic British trade fair in Moscow was an opportunity to reverse this decline. Many British companies of all sizes attended and the fair was opened by a member of the Government (in the form of Mr Cecil Parkinson) who must at the time have been aware of the storm brewing.

The current round of expulsions could not, therefore, have been more badly timed to frustrate the legitimate hopes of these companies, fostered by both Governments, at last for a long-term business relationship with the USSR and a fair crack at this developing market in the face of intensive foreign competition.

It is not simply a question of the short-term efforts and costs, though both are considerable, which may now have been fruitlessly expended, but of the threatened commerciality of more developed business forms, such as the joint ventures which require British managers to be resident in the USSR and which may now be unachievable, depending on where the new quota imposition eventually falls.

A decline in relations between the UK and the USSR now would have a detrimental effect almost exclusively for the British companies trading there rather than also for their Soviet counterparts. A reputation for a lack-lustre approach to the Soviet market by British companies and the extent of the support available to the foreign competition from their own Governments have provided the USSR with more ready and enthusiastic alternative trading partners who are able to meet their needs.

The hope for continued good relations now lies in the effectiveness of *perestroika*. The new Soviet foreign trade ministry may no longer have the same monopoly over the course of foreign trade as did its predecessor, since foreign trade rights have now been more widely dispersed. Competition may yet allow British companies a chance, albeit an unequal one.

Despite their reputation, British businessmen have recently been showing considerable imagination in the field of Anglo-Soviet commercial diplomacy. Surely it is now time for our professional diplomats to do likewise and take account of the broader perspective.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. HOWELL,
April Cottage,
69 Brook Street,
Benson, Oxfordshire.

Fate of the land, to pesticides a prey

From the Director of the British Agrochemicals Association

Sir, How sad to read Paul Vallely's article, "The chemistry of destruction" (May 17). Sad that the pollution incidents he describes, if correctly reported, have happened through accident or ignorance and need never have taken place. Sad that he and the people that he quotes fear the future because of the human errors of the past. Sad too that he failed to report how far the lessons have been learnt from such incidents to make sure that history does not repeat itself.

The agrochemical industry never stops learning through its own huge research and development investment and is proud to state that the weight of chemicals applied to Britain's farms, forests and open spaces has fallen by 41 per cent in the past eight years – not risen alarmingly as the introduction to the article would have your readers believe.

The industry has used its research resources to develop products which control very specific target pests while leaving everything else in the environment unharmed. Farmers can now use grammes of product a hectare where some years ago they were using kilogrammes. Such products are more potent to these target pests but *not*, as some assume, more toxic to wildlife and humans. The Government would not approve the use of more hazardous products.

The industry has gone further. Last month this Association published a free practical guide, "How to avoid contaminating water with pesticides". The demand has been tremendous. Over 60,000 have been requested. Such a response encourages me to believe that pesticide users have learnt their lessons too and fully recognise their duty of care.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PAGE, Director,
British Agrochemicals Association Limited,
4 Lincoln Court, Lincoln Road,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

From Mr E. R. Moorhouse

Sir, My colleagues and I at the Institute of Horticultural Research at Littlehampton are examining the possibility of utilising a biological agent to control the black vine weevil. The agent in question is a fungus specific to certain insect species and poses no threat to man or the environment. We are confident that aldrin could be directly replaced by this microbial control agent.

Solutions to many of the current problems already exist in nature; all that is required is that the Government and industry should have the necessary willpower to develop these natural control agents.

Yours faithfully,
E. R. MOORHOUSE,
Pound House, Angmering Village,
Littlehampton, West Sussex.

Judicial review

From the Editor of the Hampstead & Highgate Express

Sir, Professor Sir William Wade, who complains in your columns (May 18) of abuses of the system of judicial review, fails to consider changes in our forms of government which leave those who wish to challenge them no other course but to go to the High Court.

What he ignores is quango power, the fact that many decisions have been handed to non-elected bodies, who may well be accountable to Parliament but whose decision-making process is held in secret without either the press or public present, decisions often being announced too late for them to be influenced.

The water boards, which have admitted breaches of pollution legislation yet go unprosecuted, are one example. What happens when they are privatised? English Heritage is another. Why are we locked out of its meetings when it spends millions of taxpayers' money?

The Audit Commission is yet another organisation which ought to meet in public. It refuses to enter into any debate, for example, over perverse decisions made by district auditors, not willing either to clarify or explain decisions which appear to be unjust. Only by judicial review can they be overturned.

There ought to be some simple, democratic process whereby decisions of this nature can be contested. Perhaps Sir William can suggest an alternative to judicial review, preferably something fast and not too costly.

Yours sincerely,
GERALD ISAAMAN, Editor,
Hampstead & Highgate Express,
Marlborough House,
179-189 Finchley Road, NW3.

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, Professor Wade commands great respect. However, in lamenting the enlargement of judicial review – based on the old prerogative writs – he fails to serve the cause of freedom which the rule of law exists to serve.

One quotation from Sir William Blackstone, writing 220 years ago, shows how crucial these writs were to the rights of man. He wrote of *mandamus*:

> It is a high prerogative writ of a most extensively remedial nature . . . it issues in all cases where the party hath a right to have anything done and hath not other specific means of compelling its performance.

It may indeed be that the spirit of passages like this in Blackstone's famous work helped his contemporary, Lord Mansfield, to decide that a slave is free once he sets foot in England.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND BLACKBURN,
50 Homefield Road,
Chiswick, W4.
May 22.

Cost of heart drug

From Dr A. R. Del Mar

Sir, I read in today's *Times* (May 18) that general practitioners are to be offered training courses to familiarise them with the use of the life-saving drug, Eminase.

For the past 20 years the general practitioner's standard medication in the acute phase of a coronary thrombosis prior to admitting the patient to hospital would cost £1.76. We are now being urged to become acquainted with a drug of proven merit that will cost £495.

I would be very grateful if Mr Clarke could explain how this will fit in with a "downward pressure on general practitioners' prescribing budgets".

Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. DEL MAR,
Mouse Hall, Hammerwood Road,
Ashurst Wood,
East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Muslim schools

From Dr Mervyn Hiskett

Sir, Despite my sympathy for the Muslims' desire to have their own voluntary-aided schools, I do not agree with Mr Ibrahim Hewitt (May 24) that they have a "right" to such schools. The case for them rests solely on social and political prudence, not on rights. It is a very strong case indeed.

M. HISKETT,
Cherry Hay, Wrotham Road,
Meopham, Kent.

Critics of the IRA

From Lord Fitt

Sir, I hesitate to enter into the arguments in your columns (articles, March 24, 29; letters, April 8, 28, May 20) as to whether the SDLP in Northern Ireland is supportive of or hostile to the RUC. However, as a founder member and leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party from 1970 until 1979, when I resigned, it was my clear and distinct belief that the majority of members in the SDLP were openly hostile to the security forces and, in particular, the RUC.

With the exceptions of a few members from Belfast, notably Paddy Devlin and myself, the SDLP sought every opportunity to condemn and vilify the RUC. Indeed, I recall vividly being contradicted by members of my own party when I appeared to be over-critical of the actions of the IRA (e.g., I referred to the IRA as "psychopathic murderers", whilst the majority of the leadership of the SDLP regarded them as "misguided patriots"). Indeed this attitude was so prevalent that I eventually resigned from the party in 1979.

Nothing that has happened since then has changed my opinion. Conor Cruise O'Brien's assessment of the SDLP's attitude towards the RUC is, in my opinion, totally correct.

It is understandable that Garret FitzGerald should hasten to the rescue of the SDLP, as it was his Government and the SDLP who were the primary architects of the Anglo-Irish Agreement of 1985, which has done nothing to better community relations in that tragic part of Ireland.

The SDLP during my leadership, and undoubtedly since, were well aware that to withdraw support from the RUC was a major political card to play and would gain them major concessions from the British Government. This has obviously been a continuing process.

The SDLP would claim that they do support the RUC, but would not advise any members of the minority community to join that force. They then claim that the RUC is sectarian.

They cannot have it both ways. It is quite all right for young Protestant members of the RUC to give their lives, but not so members of the minority community. I regard this as a totally dishonourable stand to take on this most crucial issue.

Yours etc.,
GERRY FITT,
House of Lords.
May 22.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (01)782 5046.

Call to license dispatch riders

From Major-General (retd) and Mrs R. E. J. Gerrard-Wright

Sir, On a beautiful summer morning last year, our beloved daughter was killed by a young motor cycle dispatch rider as she walked across a pedestrian crossing in the Gray's Inn Road on her way to work.

Yesterday he was convicted in the High Court of causing her death by reckless driving and was awarded what we must suppose is an appropriate punishment.

Pronouncing sentence the judge remarked (amongst other things) upon the power of his motor cycle, and that the man was paid on a piece-work basis (an obvious inducement to excessive speed), and went on to comment that he thought it disgraceful that neither dispatch riders nor the firms that employ them on a casual basis have to be licensed.

We strongly endorse this view. No one living in London (and other large cities) will be unfamiliar with the terror (not too strong a word – and one included by the judge in his remarks) caused by many of these dispatch riders to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers on the streets, weaving their way through streams of traffic at high speeds with scant regard for the safety of others (and, indeed, themselves), let alone the rules of the road.

The Department of Transport ensures that cab drivers are highly trained, comprehensively tested and tightly regulated. Why on earth should these (often maverick) courier firms and their dispatch riders not be subject to similar legislation?

Such action would surely contribute to reducing the appalling slaughter on our roads and the inconsolable grief of those who have suffered.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. J. GERRARD-WRIGHT,
SUSAN K. GERRARD-WRIGHT,
Welney House,
Welney,
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.
May 18.

Soviet human rights

From Mrs Barbara Castle, MEP for Greater Manchester West (Labour), and others

Sir, The first of three human rights conferences begins in Paris on May 30. It will be a crucial opportunity for the 35 signatory nations to the Helsinki Accords to review their respective human rights records. We wish the conference every success.

We note that in Vienna in January, the Soviet Union repeated its commitments to human rights. We welcome the progress that is taking place. However, we view with concern the continued denial of basic human rights, particularly the continued detention of prisoners of conscience, the denial of the right to emigration to Soviet Jews who have expressed a desire to emigrate, some of whom have waited over 10 years to do so; the introduction of restrictive new emigration rules in 1987, and the limits placed upon religious and cultural expression.

These human rights are guaranteed by international law and we look forward to the Soviet Union fulfilling its undertakings. Only at that time would we feel able to support the holding of a human rights conference in Moscow in 1991.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. CASTLE (Socialist Group),
WINIFRED EWING (Vice-President, European Democratic Alliance),
EGON KLEPSCH (President, Christian-Democratic Group),
CHRISTOPER PROUT (President, European Democratic Group),
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SIMONE VEIL (President, Liberal and Democratic Reformist Group),
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France.
May 24.

Family updates

From Mr Edward Hornby

Sir, May I point out that nearly every one of your correspondents so far (May 5, 11, 17, 20) has totally missed the point of the naming of characters in the original game of Happy Families. Every one of them bore, with the possible exception of Mr Chips who was a carpenter, a name that formed an alliteration with his craft.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD HORNBY,
14 Burton Court,
Franklins Row, SW3.
May 20.

From his Honour Judge Krikler

Sir, A valued member of the staff of this court is Mr Bustin, the Bailiff. This may be more appropriate to "Beggar my neighbour" than "Happy Families".

Yours faithfully,
LEONARD KRIKLER,
Willesden County Court,
9 Acton Lane, NW10.

From Mr Ian P. Bell

Sir, My family begs to join *The Times* "Happy Families" as Mr and Mrs Bell the Bellringers, plus Master and two Misses (on hand bells).

Yours faithfully,
IAN P. BELL,
14 Egerton Road South,
Chorlton-cum-Hardy,
Manchester 21.

From Mrs Jean MacNicol

Sir, I go to Mr and Mrs Dentith, the Dentists.

Yours sincerely,
JEAN MacNICOL,
Applecross, 9 Church Lane,
Greetham,
Oakham, Rutland.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 25: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh disembarked *from the Royal Yacht* at Elizabeth Harbour this morning and were received by the Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey (Admiral Sir William Pillar) and the Bailiff (Sir Peter Crill).

Having inspected a Guard of Honour by Jersey Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, Her Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness, opened the new *Terminal Building* and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited St Helier Parish Church and were received by the Connetable of St Helier (Mr F P W Clarke) and the Dean of Jersey (the Very Reverend Basil O'Ferrall).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness then walked to the States Building and in the States Chamber received a Loyal Address of Welcome read by the Bailiff to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Queen and the Duke of *Edinburgh then proceeded* by carriage to the new Public Library and were received by the President of the Education Committee (Mrs I Le Feuvre). Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, opened and toured *the building and unveiled a* commemorative plaque.

Subsequently, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Mont Orgueil Castle, Gorey and were received by the Connetable of St Martin (Mr S J de la Haye). *In the Lower Ward* Her Majesty was offered the Key *of the Castle by the President*, Public Works Committee (Mr J Le Gallais).

Subsequently the Attorney General summoned the Seigneurs and Dames to do Homage according to the ancient Norman custom and to render any dues to Her Majesty.

The Queen, clasping the hands of the Seigneurs and Dames, acknowledged their Homage paid.

The Seigneur de la Trinité, in accordance with the terms of his *tenure, presented to* Her Majesty a brace of mallard which were handed to Her Majesty's Receiver-General.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, later visited Jersey Pottery (Proprietor, Mr Colin Jones) and honoured the Bailiff with her presence at luncheon at the pottery.

In the afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to Howard Davis Farm and were received by the Connetable of Trinity (Mr Leonard Picot).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured an Agricultural and Fisheries Exhibition (Senator P Horsefall), a Tourism and Catering Display (Senator J S Rothwell), a Finance and Industry Display (Senator R R Jeune), a display by groups from Youth Service and primary school children and a display of Orchids by the Eric Young Foundation (Chairman, the Countess of Cromer).

Afterwards, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Victoria College and was received by the Headmaster (Mr M Devenport).

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, received a Loyal Address and subsequently presented The Queen's Awards.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh later left Jersey Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department, Minister in Attendance) and Mrs Hurd, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine, Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, Mr Kenneth Scott, Mr Robin Janvrin, Brigadier Clive Robertson, Surgeon Captain Norman Blacklock, RN, Miss Catherine Bannister and Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Member of the Court of Assistants of The Worshipful Company of Lorriners tonight attended the Annual Livery Dinner at the Mansion House. Her Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Christopher Collett.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

May 25: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, visited Business Enterprise '89 at Cardiff Castle, Cardiff.

Subsequently, His Royal Highness visited the Maritime Quarter, Swansea.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Sir John Riddell Bt and Mr Guy Salter were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Printers' Charitable Corporation, visited the charity's extra care/nursing home at Butlin House, Beaverbrook Court, Bletchley, Buckinghamshire.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness visited the Springhill Centre, Cuddington Road, Dinton, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Afterwards, The Princess of Wales visited Aylesbury College, Oxford Road, Aylesbury.

Finally, Her Royal Highness visited The Rayners Hedge short stay/rehabilitation facility at Croft Road, Aylesbury.

Viscountess Campden was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Pioneer Corps, this morning received Brigadier J Hickman on relinquishing the appointment as Director of Army Pioneers and Labour and Brigadier D R Higginbotham on assuming the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK

May 25: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon opened the new Offices of Gloucester City Council at the Herbert Kimberley and Philpotts warehouses, Gloucester Docks.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, with Sir Angus Ogilvy, opened the new Headquarters of Laurentian Life plc at Barnwood, Gloucester.

Princess Alexandra, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Afia.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 25: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this afternoon opened the Phase 2 building at the National Star Centre for Disabled Youth, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell.

The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr John Whyte at the Memorial Service for Sir Ieuan Maddock which was held at the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, Savoy Hill, London WC2, today.

The Princess of Wales has been pleased to appoint Mrs James Lonsdale to be an Extra Lady-in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.W. Bradley
and the Hon M.C. Remnant
The engagement is announced between David Wilson, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.W.A. Bradley, of Halls Court, Chesterton, Cambridge, and Melissa Clare, only daughter of Lord and Lady Remnant, of Bear Ash, Hare Hatch, near Reading, Berkshire.

Mr J. Adams
and Miss A. Riley.
The marriage between Jamie, second son of Mr and Mrs D. Adams, of Prixford, Barnstaple, and Adele, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.W.J. Riley, of Bickington, Barnstaple, will take place at 12 o'clock on Saturday, May 27, 1989 at the Church of St Augustine's, Heanton, Punchardon.

Mr R.N. Alderson
and Miss E.M. Smith
The engagement is announced between Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Alderson, of Solihull, West Midlands, and Elsa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Smith, of Acocks Green, West Midlands.

Mr D.J. Brown
and Miss K.M. Emck
The engagement is announced between Daniel John, son of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Brown, of Edmonton, Canada, and Katharine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Emck, of West Wittering, West Sussex.

Mr J.D. Cannon
and Miss G.V. Bayes
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Cannon, and Gillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Bayes.

Mr P.M. Cunliffe
and Miss S. Benge
The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Foster Cunliffe, of Ashtead, Surrey, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brace Benge, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr A.D. Edward
and Miss M.J. Willcox
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Dr and Mrs Derrick Graham Edward, and Meryl Jayne, daughter of Major and Mrs Roy S. Willcox, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr M.S. Gumienny
and Miss I.R. Young
The engagement is announced between Marek, son of Doctor and Mrs A.J. Gumienny, of Waterlooville, Hampshire, and Iona, daughter of Captain and Mrs H.R.C. Young, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr M.R.P. Hancock
and Miss E. Budenberg
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Hancock, of Griffith, NSW, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Budenberg, of Cheshire.

Mr R.B. Ingram
and Miss T.A. Sarony
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mrs J. Ingram, of Helston, Cornwall, and Mr G.R.B. Ingram, of Teddington, Middlesex, and Tracy (Tuss), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.P.B. Sarony, of Marylebone, London.

Mr R.T. Miles
and Miss D.M. Moynihan
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miles, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Deirdra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Moynihan, of Sidcup, Kent.

Mr R.J. Owen
and Miss A.M. McNaboe
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.C. Owen, of Hunstrete, Avon, and Ann, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S. McNaboe, of Co Longford.

Dr A.E. Palacci
and Miss F.M.J. Leppard
The engagement is announced between Alain, son of Dr and Mrs V.A. Palacci, of Kingston on Thames, Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Leppard, of Dalwood, Devon.

Mr T.A.J. Reeves
and Miss H.J. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Dr and Mrs R.G.W. Reeves, of Chard, Somerset, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.F. Cooke, of Barnstaple, Devon.

Dr J.M. Rowe Jones
and Miss E. Randall
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs D.C. Rowe-Jones, of Poole, Dorset, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Randall, of Windlesham, Surrey.

Mr A.R.M. Wood
and Miss D.J. Greenbrook
The engagement is announced between Alistair, son of Mr and Mrs J.S.M. Wood, of Upton, Hampshire, and Debra, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs C. Greenbrook, of Minety, Wiltshire.

Marriages

Professor G. Pielak
and Miss E. Clarke
The marriage took place on Thursday, May 18, in Hillsboro, North Carolina, between Professor Gary Pielak, eldest son of C.P.O. Peter H. Pielak, USN, Retd, and Mrs Pielak, of Rockford, Illinois, and Miss Elizabeth Clarke, eldest daughter of Lady Betty Clarke, and the late Mr Samuel Clarke, of Oxford.

Mr N.A. Gordon
and Miss U.P. McGregor
The marriage took place on Friday, May 19, at St Alban & St Stephen's Church, St Albans, Hertfordshire, between Mr Neil Arthur Gordon and Miss Una Patricia McGregor.

Luncheons

Lord High Commissioner
Sir Iain Tennant, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Margaret Tennant gave a luncheon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse yesterday. Among those present were:

The Earl and Countess of Ancram, the Right Rev Robin and Mrs Woods, Lord and Lady Clydesmuir, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, the Hon Mary Morrison, Lady Yarrow, Mr and Mrs Richard Cews, the Rev Alexander and Mrs Cunningham, Mr and Mrs David Donald, Mr and Mrs Alex Pollock, the Rev Eric and Mrs Shepog.

National Children's Home
Lady Romsey presided at a ladies' luncheon given by the National Children's Home at the Waldorf Hotel yesterday in aid of the NCH Birthday Year Appeal. The other speakers were Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Mrs Norma Rose and Mr John F. Gray, Director of Advocacy of the NCH. A millinery fashion show was presented by Mr Freddie Fox.

British Society of Magazine Editors
Miss Liz Forgan and Mr Barry Took were the guest speakers at a British Society of Magazine Editors luncheon held yesterday at The Meridien Hotel. Mr Russell Twisk, Editor of *Readers' Digest*, was in the chair.

East Africa Association
Mr G.H. Moody-Stuart, Chairman of the East Africa Association, received the guests at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Charing Cross Hotel. Sir Peter Marshall was the guest of honour.

Receptions

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher
The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs attended a reception given by Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Deputy Chancellor and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, at the Victoria and Albert Museum yesterday evening to mark the fortieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Basic Law (constitution).

Campaign for Oxford
Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, received the guests at a reception given by Campaign for Oxford for Oxford graduates yesterday at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, was the guest speaker.

Canning House
The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs attended a reception held last night at Canning House in honour of Her Majesty's Ambassadors and Heads of Mission in Latin America and Ambassadors and Heads of Mission from Latin America to the Court St James's. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, and Mr Roger Kingdon, Chairman of the Latin American Trade Advisory Group, were the hosts.

Dinners

HM Government
Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, was host at a dinner held last night at Lancaster House in honour of the British/French Colloquium on Educational Exchanges.

Loriners' Company
The Princess Royal, a Member of the Court of Assistant of the Loriners' Company, attended the annual livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present. Mr John S. Walker-Arnott, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Richard Walker-Arnott and Mr Bill Willson-Pemberton, Wardens. The other speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Upper Warden and Judge Sir James Miskin, QC. The guests included:

The Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, the Masters of the Joiners' and Cellers', Upholders' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies and the Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall.

The Chartered Building Societies Institute
The President, Mr Malcolm Wykes, was the host last night at the annual dinner of The Chartered Building Societies Institute, held at the London Hilton on Park Lane. The guests of honour were Sir Nicholas Goodison, Chairman, TSB Group plc, and Canon J.R. Smith, Rector of Bury. Other guests included members of the Institute, their guests and the representatives of other professional bodies.

Merseyside Lieutenancy
Colonel J. Graeme Bryson, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, was host at a dinner held last night at Martins Bank Building, Liverpool, in honour of Wing Commander Sir Kenneth and Lady Stoddart and to mark Sir Kenneth's retirement as Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit Summerford House, Falkirk, at 11.45; Walter Alexander and Company, Coachbuilders, Glasgow Road, Camelon, at 12.50; and Bo'ness Heritage Trust and Scottish Steam Railway Preservation Society, at 2.50; and, as President of Barnardo's, she will visit the Bo'ness Family Centre, Duchess Nina House, Cadzow Crescent, at 3.20.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will visit the Laurelbank Family Centre, Dundee, at 3.00; and will attend the Tayside Heather Ball at the Angus Hotel, Dundee, at 8.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Eastlands Project and the new YMCA Residential Centre, Peterborough, at 4.30; and the Regional College, Peterborough, at 5.20; and will attend a concert in Peterborough Cathedral at 7.20 given by the Norwegian YMCA/YWCA Ten-Sing Choir.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the John Grooms Association for the Disabled, will open John Grooms Court, Norwich, at 11.35; and, as Patron of the Camphill Village Trust, will open Thornage Hall, Holt, at 2.55.

Memorial services

Sir Edmund Stockdale
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Simon Block, attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Edmund Stockdale held yesterday at St Michael's, Cornhill. The Rev David Burton Evans officiated and Sir Thomas Stockdale, son, and Lord Cullen of Ashbourne read the lessons. The Bishop of Basingstoke, also representing the Bishop of Winchester and the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, said the prayers. Among those present were:

The Hon Lady Stockdale (widow), Mr Frederick Stockdale (son), Lady Stockdale (daughter-in-law), Mr John Stockdale and Miss Charlotte Stockdale (grandchildren), Miss M Stockdale, Mr Jann Newman, Mr R H Nicholson, Mrs A Spurrier, Judge Marcus Edwards.

The Duke and Duchess of Wellington, Viscount and Viscountess Boyd of Merton, Viscount Camrose, Mrs Michael Manistow, Lady Cullen of Ashbourne, Lord Cusworth, Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord Shenfield, the Hon John and Mrs Fellowes, the Hon Robert Corbett, the Hon Lady Wrightson, the Hon Thomas Hesketh, Sir Hamish Forbes, Anne Lady Jaffray, Commander and Alderman Sir Robin Gillett, Sir Edward Howard (Charles Stanley and Company), Alderman Lady Ward), Sir Denis Mountain, Sir Geoffrey Peacock (Pewterers' Company), David Floyd Evans, Lady West Russell (chairman of council, Griffins Society) with the Hon Mrs Michael Benson; Lady (Edgar) Botham-Carter, Mrs Jacqueline Forbes, Mr and Mrs John Profumo, Mrs Roger Harvey, the Rev John and Mrs Jenkyns, Mr and Mrs Benjamin Bomes, Mr John Newman, Mr and Mrs John Sheffield, Mr Robert McCready, Mrs Eric de Bellaigue, Mr Nicholas Byron Irving, Mr Brian Rees, the Master, Wardens and Clerk of the Carpenters' Company, the Warden and Clerk of the Glaziers' Company and Mrs Peck, Mr David Bishop (Baileys Shaw and Gillett) and Mr Gordon W Evans (Barclays Bank).

Sir Ieuan Maddock
The Duke of Kent was represented by Mr John Whyte at a memorial service for Sir Ieuan Maddock held yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy. The Rev John Williams officiated and Dr T.B. McCrirrick read the lesson. Professor William Gosling gave an address.

Memorial meeting

Professor H.T. Himmelweit
A meeting in memory of Professor Hilde T. Himmelweit was held yesterday at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Dr George Gaskell presided and the other speakers were Professor Hans Eysenck, London University, Professor Marie Jahoda, Sussex University, Mr Anthony Smith, President of Magdalen College, Oxford, Lord Goodman, CH, and Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford.

Indifferent results from patchy seed batches

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Gardeners should not blame their lack of green fingers if they fail to get good results from seeds. Batches of seeds may be damaged or have a low germination rate.

Gardening From Which?, the Consumers' Association monthly magazine, says that the percentage of seeds that are likely to germinate varies greatly, not just between one plant and another, but also from one seedsman to another.

The magazine, which has staged at the Chelsea Flower Show a seed exhibit based on tests and trials, has found that the percentage of viable sweetpea seeds in batches from different suppliers ranged from almost 100 per cent down to 50 per cent.

Trials showed the best germination temperature for a wide range of seeds to be 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Many seeds germinated at 68 degrees, a frequently recommended temperature, but some seedlings developed too quickly and became weak, etiolated and disease prone.

Not all packets of seeds are good value for money. It is possible to pay up to twice as much per seed from one seedsman compared to another, especially with F1 hybrids. For example, seeds of cucumber 'Petita' can vary from 20.5 to 45p each.

Gardening From Which? would like all seedsmen to state for all the seeds they sell the minimum number of plants one could reasonably expect to grow per packet.

OBITUARIES

SIR HUMPHREY MYNORS, BT

Able administrator at the Bank of England

Sir Humphrey Mynors, Bt, who was Deputy Governor of the Bank of England from 1954 to 1964 and a former chairman of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, died on May 25 at the age of 85.

Mynors was the first professional economist to become a director of the Bank when in 1949 he was appointed to the Court of Directors with special responsibilities for staff matters.

He was a man usually described as going out of his way to avoid publicity yet he was credited with being a forceful influence on the Bank of England's policies after the war and an able administrator. His manner was gentle but coupled with a notable firmness of mind. Among colleagues at the Bank during his 30 years there he was appreciated for a quizzical, wry humour combined with affability.

When, however, after retirement he accepted the appointment as Chairman of the City Panel to supervise the operation of the Code on Amalgamations and Mergers, the first attempt at self-regulation, Mynors suddenly found himself in the hot seat. He at first sought to weather the, for him, unaccustomed glare of controversy and a rough passage from the press, but stepped down the next year and was succeeded as chairman of the panel in 1969 by Lord Shawcross. Mynors stayed on in a "wise man" capacity as Deputy Chairman for another year.

Humphrey Charles Baskerville Mynors was born on July 28, 1903, the son of the Rev A. B. Mynors. He was the twin brother of Sir Roger Mynors, the former Professor of Latin Language and Literature at Oxford. He was educated at Marlborough and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he graduated with First Class Honours in Economics.

As a Fellow of Corpus Christi he lectured on that subject for seven years before joining the Bank of England in 1933.

Mynors's first responsibility was to manage, and expand, the Statistics Office — originally responsible for the collection of retail sales statistics — but which, under his guidance, developed into a comprehensive collection of monetary statistics, thus anticipating the establishment of the Central Statistical Office.

Mynors had already shown his gifts for administration and in 1939 he was appointed Secretary of the Bank although only 35. In 1944 he became an Adviser to the Governors.

During the Second World he was largely engaged in planning for the organizational problems which the Bank anticipated it would face in a postwar world.

His activities changed dramatically, however, when Labour came to power in the 1945 General Election. Mynors was involved in the complex negotiations that led to the nationalization of the Bank of England in 1946 and the drafting of a new Bank Charter. In consequence, the independence of the Bank, both from Civil Service and political control, was preserved.

Mynors' years as Deputy Governor were those when monetary policy was very active keeping him much involved. The Bank was deeply concerned with industrial financing and overseas development. He was a member of the Advisory Panel set up to consider ways and means of providing such assistance for projects in the Commonwealth. In 1953 he was appointed a director of the newly-formed Commonwealth Development Finance Company Ltd, but relinquishing the post on becoming Deputy Governor in 1954.

After his retirement from the Bank of England Mynors was for a time a director of several companies, including General Electric, Imperial Tobacco, Legal and General Assurance and Pilkington Bros.

Throughout his long career Mynors retained his cool, unemotional, rather donnish poise — unless he came up against an economic historical solecism when he would surprisingly explode with wrath.

He also served as a member of the Board of Governors of Marlborough College and as a governor of the Administrative Staff College, Henley-on-Thames.

He received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law of Durham University in 1955 and was created a Baronet in 1964.

In 1939 he married Marian, daughter of the late Professor Sir Ellis Minns, who survives him with one son and four daughters.

PHYLLIS THOMAS

Pioneer acting work in British radio drama

Phyllis Thomas, the actress, who has died aged 84, had a remarkably varied career that included broadcasting in the earliest days of English radio; playing comedy to the whirlwind of Seymour Hicks; and appearing during a celebrated season at the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells.

Born in London on October 8, 1904, she acted Juliet at St George's Hall when only 16. Afterwards, on the staff of the then British Broadcasting Company, she was in the first Shakespearian plays from 2LO and even became "Auntie Phyllis" of *Children's Hour*.

Entering the theatre at 16, she toured a great deal, with Phyllis Neilson-Terry, and in South Africa with Percy Hutchison. On return she came through the testing experience of acting with the tirelessly effervescent Seymour Hicks as Sylvaine in *Mr What's His Name* and Foxtrot in *The Man in Dressed Clothes*, both at the Lyceum (1929).

More touring followed before she found herself suddenly in the Old Vic Company led by Ralph Richardson. Here, during 1931-2, she played Constance — known in the profession as "crying Constance" — in *King John*, Katharina to Richardson's Petruchio, Susan in *Abraham Lincoln* which the director, Harcourt Williams, thought her best work, Ophelia with two Hamlets (Robert Harris and Robert Speaight), and Desdemona with Wilfrid Walter magnificent in aspect as Othello, Edith Evans as Emilia, and Richardson as Iago.

Ultimately she joined the Macdona Players, touring but, more often than not, using her own imagination to pin-point the vagaries of life.

Shaw; for them she created the secretary in *On The Rocks* (Winter Garden 1933). She was back with Hicks in revivals of *Vintage Wine* (1935) and *The Man In Dressed Clothes* (1936). As Nurse Ann she had 492 performances in *The Amazing Doctor Clitterhouse* (Haymarket 1936-7).

Though off the stage in four years of the war, nursing at Welwyn, she later joined Ensa to tour England as Candida and the suffering heroine of *Gaslight*; her last London part, a small one, was in Gielgud's production of *Lady Windermere's Fan* (Haymarket 1945).

She was twice married, first to Anthony Shaw, later to Professor Franz Bergel, who died in 1987.

BETTY SWANWICK

Painter and illustrator

The artist Betty Swanwick, who died peacefully on May 22 (her 74th birthday), had led a calm but busy life impelled by her love of nature and completely devoted to portraying not just its outward appearances but the dreams invoked by its never-ending intricacies.

Born in London in 1915, her general education at Lewisham Prendergast School was followed by extensive art training at Goldsmiths College of Art (where she later taught for many years), then at the Royal College of Art and at the Central School of Arts and Crafts, always with emphasis on life drawing. Early in her career she designed posters and advertisements for, among others, the London Passenger Transport Board and Shell-Mex, and, from this, embarked on mural paintings such as, in 1960 the "Pearly King and Queen" for the Evelina Childrens' Hospital in south-east London.

By this time she had illustrated a number of books and written the delightful text herself for some of them, for example *The Cross Purposes* (1945) *Hoodwinked* (1957) and *Beauty and the Burglar* (1958), but thereafter she concentrated on individual pencil drawings and watercolours which became far more ethereal in subject-matter and execution. Her draughtsmanship was superb and she regularly exhibited such works at the Royal Academy from 1965 until her death, sometimes taking her themes from the Bible and other literature

School news

Sherborne School
As a result of the recent examinations, the following awards have been made by Sherborne School:

Scholarship of three-quarter fees: S.E. Paterson, Sherborne Preparatory School.

The Ross Wallace Scholarship of half fees: Sherborne School, formerly Wolborough Hill, Newton Abbot.

Scholarship of one-third fees: G.S. Samuels, The Old Malthouse, Langton Matravers; N.C. Edouard, West Hill Park, Titchfield; D.M. Fatchen, The Pilgrims' School, Winchester.

Exhibitions of one-fifth fees: J.A. Clayden, Sherborne School, formerly Northaw School, West Tytherley; R.J. Cullen, Sherborne School, formerly Twyford School, Winchester; T.J.S. Hopkin, Sandroyd School, Salisbury (for special proficiency in Mathematics); R.S.G. James, Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol; N.C. Clayden, Clifton College Preparatory School, Bristol; E.J.W. Moyse, Dulwich College Preparatory School (for special proficiency in Science); R.D. Russell, Twyford School, Winchester; D.M.A. Thomas, Sherborne Preparatory School.

Raben Exhibition of £400 p.a.: B.M. Wade, Sandroyd School, Salisbury.

Nutting Exhibition of £800 p.a.: E.B. Drummond, King's Bruton Junior School, Hazlegrove.

Sherborne Preparatory School Award of £250 p.a.: G.T. Markland.

Sixth Form: One-quarter fees Exhibition: R.W. Parsons, Foster's School, Sherborne.

Music Scholarships:
Scholarship of three-quarter fees: C.G. Jones, King's College School, Cambridge.

Winchester College
Roll of Scholars and Exhibitioners, 1989:

Scholarships: 1. A.B.G. Thornton (Millbourne Lodge, Esher); 2. J.H.F. Peach (Grange School, Oxford); 3. (Exhibition) F.P.A. Pilbrow (Harris Hill, Newbury); 4. C.W.G. Dreyer (Grange School, Scarborough); 5. N.K. Goh (The Pilgrims' School, Winchester); 6. T.O. Wenck (King's College School, Cambridge); 7. J.H.C. Powlston (Repton Preparatory School); 8. A.J. Lynch (Downsend School, Leatherhead); 9. P.A.J. Phillips (Nyewood School, Salisbury); 10. (Exhibition) S.C. Lloyd (Winshaw School, Robertsbridge); 11. M.D.A. Phillips (The Old Malthouse, Swanage); 12. J.M. Lochrington (New College School, Oxford); 13. (Exhibition) S.C. Henderson (Yardley Court School, Tonbridge); 14. T.E. Jones (Cornfields School, Bearsted); 15. A.J. Lowrie (Kings' School, Winchester); 16. A.J.K. Potts (King's Bruton Junior School); 17. W.K. Harley (Bay House School, Cosham); 18. R.T. Ashcroft (Kings' School, Winchester); 19. J.E. Pitt (Oxford College Preparatory School); 20. M.J. Goodwin (Testbourne Community School).

Exhibitions: 21. E.A. Allen (Orwell Park School, Ipswich); 22. M.J.A. Hoare (Dragon School, Oxford); 23. A.M. Peck (Cranleigh House School, New Milton).

Nos. 3, 10 and 13 placed Exhibition first in their order of preference.

Tonbridge School
Awards have been made as follows:

Ainslie Scholarship: F.H. Ayson, St Andrew's School, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Scholarships: S.J. Gilpin, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; D.G. Northover, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks, Kent; S.D. Hughes, Vinehall, Robertsbridge, Sussex; J. McManus, Yardley Court, Tonbridge, Kent; C.R.H. McKenzie, Vinehall, Robertsbridge, Sussex; N.C. Wright, Yardley Court, Tonbridge, Kent; P.M. Richardson, Aberlour, Burgh Heath, Surrey; Akhil Vohora, The Banda School, P.O. Kenya; A.V.I. Robbens, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks, Kent; P.M. Simon, Yardley Court, Tonbridge and Tonbridge School; A.M. Burden, Hazelwood, Limpsfield and Tonbridge School; K.J. Johnstone, Yardley Court, Tonbridge, Kent; Akil Vohora, The Banda School, Nairobi, Kenya.

Exhibitions: G.A. Bennett, Wellesley House, Broadstairs, Kent; T.G.A. Butcher, Greatmore, West Horsley, Surrey; C.C. Norton, Solefield, Sevenoaks, Kent; W.E.C. Wright, Greatmore, West Horsley, Surrey; D.G.M. Griffiths, Solefield, Sevenoaks, Kent; T.I. Jenkins, Holmewood House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Music Scholarships: D.G.M. Griffiths, Solefield, Sevenoaks, Kent; T.D. Whiter, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; D.P.B. Scott, Arnold School, Co Wicklow, Ireland; B.C.J. Rudge, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; A.C.K. Lawrey, Solefield, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Music Exhibition: T.T. Hill, Tower House School, London.

Choral Bursaries: Peace: D.J. Crew, St Edmund's Junior School, Canterbury, Kent.

Art Exhibition: N.A. Hudd, Yardley Court, Tonbridge, Kent.

Scholarship of two-fifths fees: M.J. Bawtree, Sherborne School, formerly Mount House, Devon; G.T. Markland, Sherborne Preparatory School.

Exhibition of one-eighth fees: G.W. Lees, Newland House, Twickenham.

Art Awards:
Scholarship of one-quarter fees: M.C.S.P. Cope, The Cathedral School, Llandaff.

Exhibition of one-fifth fees: B.T. Bishop, Newland House, Twickenham.

Birthdays today

Miss Zola Budd, athlete, 23; Sir Matt Busby, president, Manchester United Football Club, 80; Miss Elizabeth Clarke, former headmistress, Benenden School, 74; Mr Peter Cushing, actor, 76; Mr Roy Dotrice, actor, 64; Lord Gridley, 83; Sir Kenneth Jones, former High Court Judge, 68; Sir Patrick Kingsley, former Keeper of the Records, Duchy of Cornwall, 81; Mr Alec McCowen, actor, 64; Mr Robert Morley, actor-dramatist, 81; Mr Stan Mortensen, footballer, 68; Sir Charles O'Halloran, former chairman, Irvine Development Corporation, 65; Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman, Heron International, 50; Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, diplomat, 80; Lord Stevens of Ludgate, 53; Wing Commander Sir Kenneth Stoddart, former Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 75; Mr Glen Turner, cricketer, 42; Sir Frederick White, former chairman, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, 84.

Service dinners

HAC Active Officers
Lieutenant-Colonel D.P. Spooner, Commanding Officer, presided at a dinner of Active Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. General Sir Richard Trant, Colonel Commandant, attended.

TA&VRA for Greater London
Brigadier P.D. Orchard-Lisle presided at a dinner of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London held last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. General Sir Peter Hudson, Air Marshal Sir Barry Duxbury and Mr Michael Neubert, MP, were among those present.

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Hebrews 4:12

BIRTHS

ALDRIDGE - On May 24th, at St George's Hospital, Tooting, to Barbara (née Ditchburn) and Bill, a son, Matthew Robert.

BREESE - On May 22nd, to Charlotte (née Odgers) and Peter, a daughter, Tabitha Jane Marguerite, a sister for Olivia, Cecily and Josephine.

DONOVAN - To Lesley and Michael, of USA and Canada, a son - Benjamin William, a brother for Patrick Alexander.

DOWDALL - On Monday May 22nd, 1989, to Jane Southgate and Neill Dowdall, a daughter, Carla Louise.

DURIE - On May 25th, to Charlotte (nee Batchelor), wife of Sam, a son.

EMSLIE - On May 12th, 1989, at Eastbourne, to Annabel (née Jenkins) and Alasdair, a daughter, Katharine Alexandra.

FAIRFAX - On May 24th, to Victoria and Hugh, a daughter, Marina.

JENKINS - On April 28th 1989 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Jacqueline (née Harvey) and Richard, a daughter, Kimberley.

LE FANU - On 23rd May, to Juliet (Annan) and James, a son, Frederick James.

LINDQVIST JONES - On the 19th May, to Gillian and Christopher, a daughter, Rosalie Claire (Rosie).

MARGESSON - On 20th May, 1989, at The Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital, to Sheryl (née Hackland) and James, a daughter, Katherine.

MAY - Frances, William and daughter Jessica thank Mr Hutchison, Hilary and all the dedicated staff of Gloucester Royal Hospital very much for the gift of a precious baby girl born early on the morning of Wednesday 24th May.

MILLET - On May 22nd, 1989, to Jane and Patrick, a daughter (Nathalie Molly).

PAKENHAM On May 24th, to Johanna and Dermot, two daughters, Emma and Alice.

RUMBELLOW - On May 23rd, at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Sally (née Erle-Drax) and James, a daughter, Georgina Charlotte, a sister for Lucy, Kane and Claire.

SAMUEL - On 22nd May, to Julia (née Guinness) and Michael, a son, Benjamin Peter Marcus.

SIMPSON - On May 24th, at the National University Hospital, Singapore, to Nicola (née Griffiths) and Mark, a daughter, Camilla Frances Joy, a sister for Robert.

STANCOMB - On May 18th, to Ginny (née Kearney) and David, a daughter, Pippa, a sister for Rosanna.

THEOBALD - On May 23rd, 1989, at Orsett Hospital, Essex, to Alison and Lionel, a daughter, Natalie May, a sister for Fiona.

THORN - On February 23rd, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Tracey (née Warner) and Terry, a son, Ryan and a daughter, Roxane. Two for the price of one.

YOUNG - On May 21st, to Angela (née Saint) and Eric, a son, Matthew.

DEATHS

BINGHAM-NEWLAND - On May 23rd, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, Richard John, after a long illness bravely borne, dearly loved and loving husband of Jane and dear father of Charles and Anthony. Funeral Service at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, East Clandon, on Monday, 5th June, at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research.

BOYD - Father Leonard Douglas Peter, beloved son of Leonard and Doreen and brother to Teresa, on May 21st, 1989. Funeral Mass at St Agatha's Church, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, on Thursday, June 1st, at 11 am, followed by a private cremation. Reception of body on Wednesday, May 31st, at 4.30 pm. Cut flowers to St Agatha's Church. Sadly missed by his loving family and friends. Requiescat in Pace.

DIMMER - On May 24th, 1989, peacefully, after a long illness, Michael Aynsley Dimmer M.A., J.P. Devoted husband of Janet, dearly loved by Ian, Nigel and their families. Cremation private. A Service of Thanksgiving to be announced later.

FERGUSON - John, on May 22nd, former President of the Selly Oak College's, from rapid cancer, aged 68 years. Private cremation, no flowers, donations if desired to Selly Oak College's, Birmingham. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

GILLESPIE - Margaret Gwenllian (née Williams), on 22nd May, 1989, suddenly, beloved wife of the late Mike, loving mother of Janet and Johnnie. At her request her body has been bequeathed for medical research. Donations if desired to the League of Friends, Deal Hospital, Deal, Kent.

HOLFORD - On May 26th, at home, Peter Kenneth, aged 88, beloved husband of the late Margaret and dearly loved father of Elizabeth, Sylvia and John. Funeral service at St Mark's, Reigate, at 12 noon, on Thursday, June 1st. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Multiple Sclerosis Society. Funeral directors Stoneman, Doran Court, Reigate.

HOWE - On 24th May, 1989, suddenly, at home, with his family, Colonel Roger Howe O.B.E., Royal Anglian Regiment. Dearly loved husband of Barbara and father of Alexandra and Matthew. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Selling, Faversham, Kent, on Tuesday, 30th May, 1989, at 3 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Hogben & Partis Ltd., Faversham. Tel: (0795) 532319.

JACKSON - On 24th May, 1989, Herbert F.R.I.B.A., passed away, after a short illness, at The Chase Hospital, Leamington Spa, aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Betty. Funeral Service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, near Leamington Spa, on Wednesday, 31st May, at 10.30 am. Flowers may be sent to The John Taylor Funeral Service, 1A Russell Terrace, Leamington Spa.

JEPHSON - On 22nd May, 1989, in Winchester, Maurice Christian Mounteney. Dearly loved by his family. Memorial Service at St James's Church, Upper Wield, Hants., on Friday, 2nd June, at 11 am. No flowers please. Any donations to cancer research.

KENYON - On May 22nd, peacefully, at her home in Kensington, Esme Kenyon will be much missed by her friends and relations. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium, Kew Meadow Path, Town Mead Road, Richmond, at 10.30 am, on 31st May. No flowers by her special request.

LAMBERT - On 24th May, in Switzerland, peacefully, George, 2nd Viscount, beloved husband of Patsy and much loved father of Louise and the late Georgie and grandfather of Dominic. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at Spreyton, Devon, to be announced.

MAHONEY - Kathleen Ruth, dearly loved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, on 23rd of May, at The Grange Nursing Home, Tuffley, Gloucester. Funeral on Monday, 5th June, at Golders Green Crematorium, at 3.45 pm.

MAUDE - Edward (Ted) M.P.S., of Nantwich, Cheshire, aged 77 years, peacefully, on May 24th, in hospital. Devoted husband to Eleanor, loving father to Nicholas, Christopher and Roger, and also grandfather to Stephanie, Beverley and Ryan. Funeral at Crewe Crematorium, Tuesday, 30th May, 11.00 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. A cherished memory to all who knew him.

MILLER - On May 21st, 1989, suddenly but peacefully, in London, Robert Jack Law Miller, in his 68th year. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Wednesday, May 31st, at 11.15 am (East Chapel). Family flowers only please.

MOORE - Very Rev. Mgr. Wilfred Joseph D.Litt. died peacefully, on 24th May, aged 79. Requiem Mass Our Lady And All Saints, Stourbridge, on Tuesday, 30th May, at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Knowle Churchyard. No flowers, donations if desired to Cardinal Newman Appeal, c/o The Oratory, Hagley Road, Birmingham.

MUIRHEAD - On May 26th, peacefully, at Felden Croft Nursing Home, Dorothy (née Murray), widow of Arnold, of St Albans, in her 96th year. Funeral Service at the West Herts Crematorium, Garston, Watford, on Thursday, June 1st, at 3 pm. Family flowers only otherwise donations in her memory to Arthritis Research, c/o G. Hall & Sons Ltd., 3 Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP1 1LA.

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STEENSON - On May 24th, peacefully, at her home, in Tauranga, N.Z., after a long illness, Kitty (Catherine Mary). Funeral St John's Church, Otumoetai, 10.30 am, Monday, May 29th. We will miss her. Michael Steenson 01-482 3311.

VASSILIEFF - On May 24th, 1989, suddenly, at Hythe, Kent, Nicholas, most dearly loved husband of Barbara. Funeral private. Memorial Service at the Russian Orthodox Church, Ennismore Gardens, London, SW7, to be announced later.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LECHE - A Memorial Service for John Hurlestone Leche, will be held at St Mary's Church, Tilston, Malpas, Cheshire, on Wednesday, 31st May, at 2.30 pm.

PROCKTOR - Richard Edward Christopher. A Memorial Service will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, June 24th, 1989, at 11 am.

SMITH - A Memorial Service for Edward J.G. Smith CB (Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), will be held at 11.30 am, on Friday, 9th June, at St James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1.

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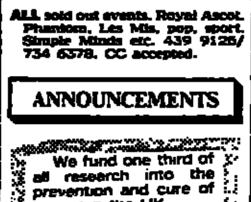

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number 619618. Name of company Gorton Stores Limited. Previous names of company Ingranex Limited, R H O Hills (London) Limited Gorringes (London) Limited. Nature of business Exporters and Importers. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ. Liquidators name and address: John Martin Iredale, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ. Office holder no: 2104. Date of appointment: 22 May 1989. By whom appointed: 22 May 1989.
J M Iredale - Liquidator
Date: 22 May 1989

FIRSTOPTION SERVICES LIMITED
REGISTERED NO: 2086532
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ, on Wednesday 28th June 1989 at 2.30pm for the purposes mentioned Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ, between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm on 26th June 1989 and 27th June 1989.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must (unless they are individual creditors attending in person) lodge their proxies at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ, no later than 12 noon on 27th June 1989. Creditors must submit a proof of debt before voting and, unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value.
Dated this 10th day of May 1989
T J B Odgers - Sole Director

Skybarn Limited
Passed 8th May 1989
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company, duly convened, and held at 3 Badgers Close, Ivybridge, South Devon, PL21 9TN, on 8th May 1989 the following SPECIAL RESOLUTION was duly passed:-
That the Company be wound up voluntarily, and that Mr John William Papi, FIPA of Messrs. J.W. Papi & Co. One Maddox Street, London W1R 9WA, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up.
C. Williams
Director and Chairman

IN THE MATTER OF HARLOW AND JONES (TEXTILES) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
This is to certify that a meeting for the Creditors of the above named Company held on 2nd May 1989, Christopher Morris, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW and Christopher Hughes of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ having provided written statements that they are qualified to act as insolvency practitioners in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that they consent so to act, were appointed joint liquidators of the Company.
The joint liquidators are to act jointly in all things.
Dated the 2nd day May 1989
Jurg Schlup Esq - Chairman

IN THE MATTER OF HARLOW AND JONES (METALS) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
This is to certify that a meeting for the Creditors of the above named Company held on 2nd May 1989, Christopher Morris, 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW and Christopher Hughes of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ having provided written statements that they are qualified to act as insolvency practitioners in relation to the above named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that they consent so to act, were appointed joint liquidators of the Company.
The joint liquidators are to act jointly in all things.
Dated the 2nd day May 1989
Jurg Schlup Esq - Chairman

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF HARLOW AND JONES (TEXTILES) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Registered Office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Principal Trading Address: 99 Kensington High Street, London W8.
Company No: 1513145
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 2nd May 1989, we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, by the company and by the Creditors of the company.
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW ewf. CXM/PB/MJS/HJT.
Christopher Morris & Christopher Hughes
Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND IN THE MATTER OF HARLOW AND JONES (METALS) LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Registered Office: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW. Principal Trading Address: 99 Kensington High Street, London W8.
Company No: 1513146
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 2nd May 1989, we were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company, which is in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation, by the company and by the Creditors of the company.
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address: 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EW ewf. CXM/PB/MJS/HJM.
Christopher Morris & Christopher Hughes
Joint Liquidators

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
UNILUBE OIL LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered number: 1772689. Former company name: Hammersley Limited. Nature of business Manufacturers of Filtration Systems. Trade classification 32451. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 19 May 1989. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. National Westminster Bank Plc
Neil Hunter Cooper and Richard William James Long
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos. 006399/01 and 006089
Robson Rhodes, 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
In the Stoke On Trent Court No 6 of 1989
In the matter of Raymond George Birks (In Bankruptcy)
Notice is hereby given that on 21st April 1989 Melvyn Laurence Rose, F.C.A. F.C.C.A. of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS, was appointed Trustee of the above named Estate
Dated this 16 day of May 1989
Melvyn Laurence Rose (F.C.A. F.C.C.A.) Trustee

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE
INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 6.124 (1)
In the High Court No. 5892 of 1988
In the matter of Anthony Peter Impazzi (In Bankruptcy)
Notice is hereby given that on 13th April 1989 Melvyn Laurence Rose, F.C.A. F.C.C.A. of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS, was appointed Trustee of the above named Estate
Dated this 17 day of May 1989
Melvyn Laurence Rose (F.C.A. F.C.C.A.) Trustee

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FLAG SHIPPING LIMITED
I Terence Charles Carter hereby give notice that on 22 day of May 1989 I was appointed liquidator of the above named company.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors are required, on or before the 30th day of June 1989 to send in their full names and addresses, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to me and if so required by notice in writing from me, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved
Dated this 24 day of May 1989
T C Carter - Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF RAVEN BINDERY LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator, of the above Company by the members and creditors on 18th May 1989.
Dated this 18th day of May 1989
Philip Monjack, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF T.V. JOYCE & CO LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator, of the above Company by the members and creditors on 19th May 1989.
Dated this 19th day of May 1989
Stephen Daniel Swaden, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF TWILLSTAR COMPUTERS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator, of the above Company by the members and creditors on 12th May 1989.
Dated this 12th day of May 1989
Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF TWILLSTAR COMPUTERS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 23rd day of June 1989, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Peter Scholey Dunn, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 12th day of May 1989
P.S. Dunn, Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF MARBLE ARCH ESTATES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (Second Floor), London W2 6LF, on Thursday the 1st day of June 1989 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of the names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 18th day of May 1989
A. Dentamaro - Director

Rule 4.106 The Insolvency Act 1986
BRANDNER UK LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
Take notice that the undersigned, A D Kenningham, FCA of Hames Warm, Insolvency Services, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST was appointed Liquidator of Brandner UK Limited by a resolution of a meeting of the company's creditors held on 17th day of February 1989
A D Kenningham Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF CREATIONS DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Associates 20 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 16th May 1989.
Dated this 16th day of May 1989
Philip Monjack, FCA
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Associates
Chartered Accountants
20 New Road
Brighton
East Sussex BN1 1UF

BARRYTEX - N & N JACOBS LIMITED
Registration No. 1760824
We, Philip Monjack, FCA and Keith David Goodman, FCA 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above named Company on the 15th May 1989 by Lloyds Bank Plc, under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 25th February 1985 incorporating fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of the company.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
LAMBART COMPUTING LIMITED
Registered number: 1358958. Nature of business: Provision of Management Services to its Subscribers. Trade classification: 37. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 24 May 1989. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers, Midland Bank Plc.
Edwin Gilchrist MacQuarie Antill, and Roy Ewart Adkins
Joint Administrative Receivers
Office holder nos: 1045 and 1053
Grant Thornton
1 Westminster Way
Oxford OX2 0PZ
Grant Thornton
Kennedy Tower
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Birmingham B4 6EL

MAY 26 — ON THIS DAY — 1934

Gustav Holst (1874-1934) did much for musical education and shared his friend Vaughan William's devotion to folk song: today his powerful and popular suite "The Planets", is familiar to many who know little or nothing about the composer.

MR GUSTAV HOLST
Composer and Teacher

The sudden death in London yesterday at the age of 59 of Mr Gustav Holst is a serious blow to British music and musicians and to innumerable devoted friends. At the end of the War, if not earlier, he was recognized as one of the most distinctive composers of his generation, and from the production of such works as "The Hymn of Jesus", "The Planets", and *The Perfect Fool* until the recent performance by the BBC of his "Choral Symphony" a few weeks ago, his music has been listened to with warm appreciation by large audiences in all English-speaking countries and more rarely in others.

Gustav Theodore Holst was born at Cheltenham on September 21, 1874. His ancestry was Swedish, and until the War he bore the name of von Holst; but his grandfather had come to England in 1807, and both his mother and grandmother were Englishwomen. His father, Adolf von Holst, was a musician, and his home environment was favourable to his early leanings towards composition, but a post as village organist imparted to his musicianship that practical character which was a marked feature of all his work.

At the Royal College of Music, which he entered in 1893, he studied composition under Stanford, piano, organ, and the trombone, which he had begun at the age of 12 as a preventive of asthma. During his college years he laid the foundation of his admiration of Purcell, which appeared long after in the 1911 performance of *The Fairy Queen* and in the chapter which he contributed to "The Heritage of Music" (1927).

In 1903 he became music master at the Edward Alleyn School, Dulwich, and at St Paul's Girls' School from 1905. His direction of music at the latter school lasted till his death. He organized there a liberal plan of musical education, particularly encouraging orchestral playing, the learning of wind instruments by the girls, and *ensemble* work generally.

1914-16 saw the composition of Holst's greatest work, the big orchestral suite, "The Planets". Each of the seven numbers shows one aspect of life regarded with a detached and unflinching scrutiny. In this suite Holst, with the directness which was characteristic of his personal intercourse and character, and which comes out in spite of all his mysticism in the technique of his music, sets forth with every elaboration his fundamentally simple view of what life brings. The work is original in conception, in its philosophical implications, in its scoring, and in its harmonic and rhythmic idiom.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philippe de Champaigne, painter, Brussels, 1602; John Churchill, 1st Duke of Marlborough, soldier, Ashe, Devon, 1650; Edmund de Goncourt, novelist, Nancy, France, 1822; Mary of Teck, queen consort of George V, Kensington Palace, 1867; Al Jolson, Seredzius, Lithuania, 1886; John Wayne, Winterset, Iowa, 1907.

DEATHS: Saint Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury 601-604/05, Canterbury, 604/05; Samuel Pepys, London, 1703; Thomas Southern, dramatist, London, 1746; John Curwen, music educator, founder of the three tonic sol-fa system, Manchester, 1880; Charles Mayo, surgeon, Chicago, 1939; Lincoln Ellsworth, explorer and engineer, New York, 1951; Jacques Lipschitz, sculptor, Isle of Capri, 1973.

SCIENCE REPORT

Surprised by Pluto's eccentricities

Pluto, the enigmatic planet on the edge of the Solar System, has an atmosphere of a quite unexpected complexity. In addition to methane, it may contain substantial amounts of carbon monoxide, as well as traces of nitrogen and argon, according to two American researchers writing in the May 25 issue of *Nature*.

The new data are just the latest in a string of surprises about Pluto. The existence of a planet beyond the orbit of Neptune was postulated to explain gravitationally induced wobbles in the orbits of the outer planets.

But when Pluto was discovered in 1930, it posed the first in what proved to be a long line of astronomical brain teasers: the planet seemed far too small to explain the orbital irregularities.

The next serious surprise came in 1978, when astronomer James Christy found that Pluto had a satellite, now known as Charon. In 1985, Richard P. Binzel of the University of Texas and his colleagues announced in *Science* that Pluto and Charon had entered a cycle of mutual eclipse visible from the Earth. This enabled precise measurements of Pluto's size and mass to be made for the first time, bringing another surprise: the smallness of Pluto and the relative hugeness of Charon. Pluto, with a radius of about 1,142 kilometres, hardly rates as a planet at all. (Our own Moon, with a radius of 1,738 kilometres, has more than twice Pluto's surface area and three and a half times its volume).

But the radius of Charon is about half that of Pluto. No other satellite in the Solar System is as large relative to the planet about which it orbits. The previous record holder was the Moon, with a quarter of the Earth's radius. It was a stroke of luck that the eclipses were observable just a few years after Charon's discovery, since they are calculated to be visible from Earth for a limited period of five or six years in every 120 or so.

But further surprises were in store. In 1985, astronomers predicted that Pluto would eclipse a faint star on June 9, 1988. Astronomers who had been waiting for this event were able to monitor the star's light as the planet passed across it.

But to everyone's surprise, the starlight slowly declined as the planet eclipsed the star. This could only mean that Pluto had a substantial atmosphere; if it had not the starlight would have been cut off much more abruptly.

In *Nature* last December, W.B. Hubbard of the University of Arizona and his colleagues reported their observations of the eclipse using a telescope at the University of Hobart in Tasmania. They showed that the atmosphere of Pluto, although tenuous, was very extensive: at least as deep as the planet's diameter.

A group of seven American astronomers reported similar observations in the journal *Icarus*, this time made using the Kuiper Airborne Observatory, a telescope mounted aboard a large aeroplane.

Both groups suggested that the main component of Pluto's atmosphere was methane. Pluto is an exceedingly cold place, and for most of its orbit, this methane would usually be frozen on the planet's surface. But the planet has a highly eccentric orbit, and at present it is closer to the Sun than Neptune (Science Report, February 1 1988). It may be just warm enough on Pluto for the methane to evaporate into an atmosphere.

This may be an over-simplified picture, though, as Roger V. Yelle and Jonathan I. Lunine of the University of Arizona now explain in *Nature*. They have used all the latest data to calculate that the atmosphere of Pluto is actually more massive than it would be were it made of methane and nothing else.

From what is known about the chemistry of comets which originate in the outermost Solar System, they suggest that Pluto's atmosphere contains a substantial amount of carbon monoxide in addition to methane, as well as traces of nitrogen and argon.

There are no plans for a space probe to test these ideas directly, but the Voyager spacecraft's forthcoming fly-by of Neptune and its moons later this year will provide some comparative data. Neptune has a planet-sized moon called Triton, and a detailed study of its atmosphere may prove useful for astronomers bracing themselves for the next batch of surprises from Pluto.

Henry Gee

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Another fine day

Ever since Puccini, in one of the earlier examples of the drama-documentary *genre*, highlighted *the fate of Oriental girls* abandoned by heartless American servicemen, tunes from *Madama Butterfly* have found their way into most films about East-West romantic relationships. In *Under the Sun* (BBC2), as an arrogant and condescending US Navy pilot showed us round his ample home in Olongapo and talked of marrying *a local girl, the wistful strains* of Puccini's melodies made the point all too obvious.

***Under the Sun* claims to be an anthropology series, but this opening film was no more nor less than a well-observed documentary of life at the sharp end, which aimed to tug at our heartstrings while making us shake our heads at the futility of it all. At an hour it was too long: there was over-indulgent film of gyrating girls in bars intercut with their *hard home life*; it also included a wholly irrelevant section about the problems of male natives who wanted to join the US services — perhaps a sop to the co-producers, the Arts and Entertainment Network, who presumably now make ambitious series like this possible for the BBC.**

Anthropological analysis was thin on the ground, but local colour was extensive. Olongapo is a US naval base in the Philippines and *the bars are crowded with girls* who come to attend to the servicemen. As we gathered from one of them, Rose, they would like to marry and be whisked off to America.

Surprisingly, some of them do achieve this, and are initiated into the mysteries of freezers and gas cookers on the naval base, but most of them just get pregnant. The girls then tend to be abandoned by their men rather late in the day and are faced *with the* choice of having their babies and being out of work, or having late abortions in a country where it is illegal.

***Any self-respecting anthropologist* would at least have probed why contraception is so little used. Because Rose could talk frankly and without flinching of the problems *of being a bar girl*, the programme succeeded in putting their side of the story eloquently.**

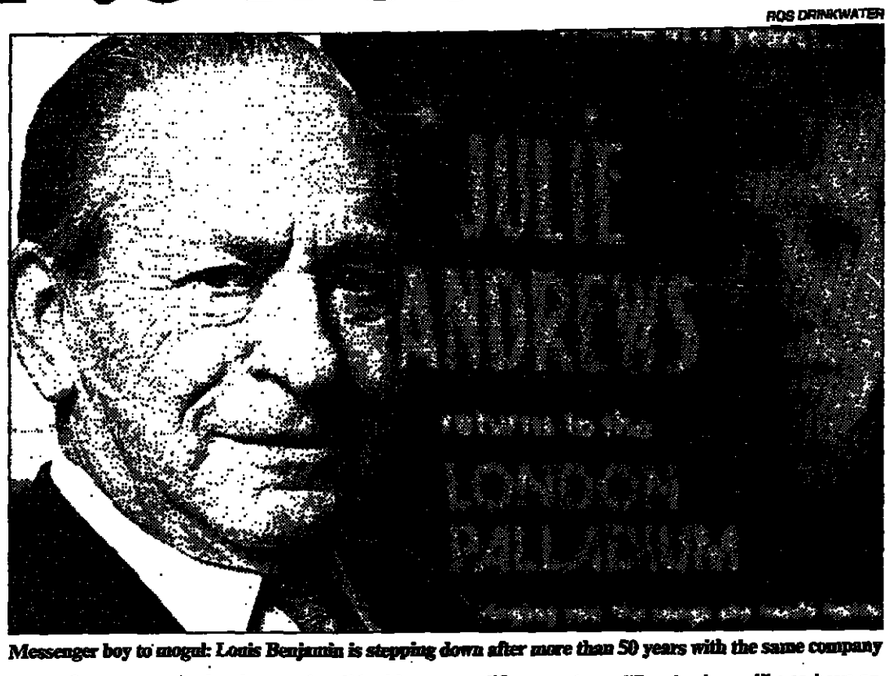
Less successful were the attempts to prise any rational feelings out of the American men, especially one who described his life oddly as "like being one of the Beatles but without having to sign autographs". Instead they signed death warrants for those girls who did not survive the dire effects of their late abortions.

William Holmes

Au revoir to Louis the Last

Sheridan Morley on Louis Benjamin, the retiring boss of Stoll Moss Theatres, and his eventful life as the top West End theatre impresario

ROS DRINKWATER



Messenger boy to mogul: Louis Benjamin is stepping down after more than 50 years with the same company

Despite the fact that Stoll Moss Theatres own and operate more of London's playhouses than any other group, a dozen in all, including the Palladium, Drury Lane and Her Majesty's, and Shaftesbury Avenue *from the Lyric to the Queen's*, it is arguable that the real drama of late has been going on at their new offices in Soho Square.

Yesterday staff were told that, after 52 years' service, *managing* director Louis Benjamin is to step down in September, to be replaced by the 47-year-old acccountant Roger Filer, 15 years with the company, *who some of us recall as* having had the best conjuring patter-act in the Oxford University generation of about 1963.

He may well need to recall such showbiz dexterity. In the last 18 months, control of the company has been passing around a group of rival Australian entrepreneurs with the speed of a flaming boomerang. Robert Holmes à Court ceded to Alan Bond, who ceded to Christopher Skase, who ceded *to Holmes à Court again*; and there were rumours that Benjamin's retirement was to some extent stage-managed from Sydney. Certainly the memo from Holmes à Court was tight-lipped in its acknowledgement of Benjamin's uniquely long service.

With Benjamin goes the last of the old corporate impresarios. Not so much a producer (though he has done the occasional pantomime and a deade of Royal Variety Shows *himself*) as a landlord, booker, negotiator, packager, fixer and manager Benjamin comes of a line of sleek theatrical moguls, all of whom looked like *former* tap-dancers and some of whom were, from the Grade brothers back to Val Parnell and Prince Littler.

Unlike the more recent independents, such as Cameron Mackintosh, all were boardroom men and most came up through the ranks. Benjamin started at 15 as a messenger boy in Leicester Square, alongside Leslie Grade, and was promoted to writing summaries of variety acts in the 36 regional and local Moss Empires. "Jack Buchanan," he would note, "gives his usually finished performance", or "Afrique: 37 impressions *and all of them* clever".

Then came the War, after which Parnell sent him to run the Winter Gardens in Morecambe for five years. "A nightmare, that was. A ballroom, a fairground, wrestling every Thursday, and all for £14 for an 80-hour week, with no overtime or expenses. *When I asked* for a company car, Parnell gave me the bill-poster's van; and when I asked for the weekend off to marry, he said that in his experi*ence wives were a disaster*, always demanding food or clothing, and that if I chose to go ahead it would have to be on my own time."

Benjamin did go ahead, and has *been happily married* for 40 years, with two daughters in the business. "One manages the box-offices here and the other *defected* to the contracts department at the National. But I'm not at all sure that my wife is looking forward to my retirement, as I get very boring *and bored at home, so I'm think*ing of setting up as a consultant.

"There are a remarkable number of producers in this business who could do with a little more advice, *and there are a few* lessons still to be learnt about not putting ticket prices too high or letting your running costs deter the investors. Otherwise the West End will go the way of Broadway, which is no longer a fabulous invalid, it's on a life-support machine and failing fast."

Still a company man through and through, Benjamin is hugely discreet *about* the wizards of Oz who have recently and sometimes briefly been his bosses. "By and large they behaved very well, and left me to run things the way I thought best. I go back a long way, to Parnell, who was my great teacher; although we've been through a very difficult situation, I don't think I'm leaving the West End in any worse shape than I found it.

"People always like to have an excuse for rotten box-office takings: 'Polo at Hurlingham', we used to say at the Finsbury Empire, as though that ever made any difference. Even after a bad First *Night, critics don't actually sit* in the foyers with machine-guns to stop people entering.

"Certainly I've been involved in a fair share of disasters, and I'd rather not have to think too much about *Winnie* or *Ziegfeld* lately, but in my position all you could do was advise and discourage and help, and hope that producers didn't make too many of their mistakes in your property. When I came back to Stoll after a few years running Pye Records, they told me to close *down* their regional Hippodromes, but I'm happy to say that all six are open today.

"Something always comes along. A few years ago we got into terrible trouble with twice-nightly variety at the Palladium. We had *some* fellow swallowing razor blades and a man doing impressions of London Airport, and they said: 'Right, that's the end, make it over into a supermarket'. *But I refused* and sure enough a couple of young men turned up with the stage rights to *Hans Christian Andersen*. So I introduced them to Harold Fielding and Tommy Steele, and we got three years out of that one.

"All I hope now is that Stoll Moss keeps its identity and its sense of the old-fashioned virtues: we wield *a lot of power* just because of the number of theatres we own, and the great thing is to use that power very tactfully. I've propped up many ailing shows by doing deals on our rent: part of the job is nursing tricky plays through to some success.

"When *Ziegfeld* collapsed I was ready to jump out of the window; and you know what comes along? The third revival of *'Allo, 'Allo*, with which we've just taken half-a-million pounds. *I suppose I shall* miss all those ups and downs, but Parnell started me on a nice pension, so I'll not starve, even if the phone never rings again. And *if I have to open the door* for myself at the Palladium, that's no great hardship, at least not yet.

"At 66, there's probably time to do something else, so long as someone keeps an eye on the West End and stops it getting too greedy. There's more to this business than money."

Don't sit this one out

THEATRE

Tango Varsoviano
Cottesloe

It would be a pleasure to welcome an Argentinian company back to *the British stage*, but this much-travelled show by the Teatro del Sur from Buenos Aires does not supply the occasion for it.

In a naïvely linked sequence of tiny wordless scenes, Alberto Felix Alberto (author and director) tells the story of Amanda, a forlorn drudge who divides her time between reluctant ironing and bashing her wonky wall-radio. As if that were not enough, lights go up on a line of ornately framed screens *disclosing scenes of glam*our and gaiety within. There is a lady ("the Diva") who has clearly never handled an iron, throwing back her luxuriant coiffure with *peals of laughter while pulling on* her stockings.

You might think that this is the stage of Amanda's dreams; but then she shuffles towards it and meets a Pole (so the programme says) who rapes her and moves into her kitchen. He is another laugher. The fortunes of the two couples intertwine, reaching one climax when a knife fight ends with the macho boyfriend voluptuously *embracing the naked* Pole ("Aargh!" exclaims Amanda, collapsing in a heap), and another when Amanda glides on as a dancing girl to stab her lover's seducer *in the back while the Diva* (Adriana Diaz) takes cover behind a washing-line.

Alberto intends these events to be ambiguous, and finally dumps Amanda (Monica Lacoste) back at the ironing board as though nothing has happened. But it makes no difference whether this tawdry fantasy is happening inside or outside the heroine's mind.

From the fairground scene of Amanda and the Pole lethargically shying invisible balls at non-existent coconuts, the production offers a *sottisier* of stylistic boomerangs. Blackouts are irrelevantly underscored with wild sea waves and thundering locomotives. The ominous *Luis* Solanas bears down on his prey, and makes a kill by buttoning his jacket in an aggressive manner. Let us hope that the South Bank's *International Theatre 89 has* something better in store.

Irving Wardle

Freely flows the Don

DANCE

Don Quixote
Derngate, Northampton

You would hardly have thought, from the good-natured ease with which he fitted into the production, that this was not only Irek Mukhamedov's first appearance with the Royal Ballet of Flanders but also his first time of dancing Rudolf Nureyev's version of *Don Quixote*.

The multiplicity of solos which Nureyev has worked into the ballet, combined with the many quick small steps with which he decorates them, are a far cry from the big heroic choreography Mukhamedov generally *has to dance in* the blockbusters of the Bolshoi repertoire. And it cannot exactly have helped him to feel at ease that the Derngate stage is somewhat *smaller than he is used to*.

All the same, what zest Mukhamedov brings to the part. As with Nureyev, he gives the dances a sense of powerful ease (*the sheer size of the man springing lightly and quickly from the stage is part of the pleasure*). Also like Nureyev, the wholehearted comic acting is as important as the virtuosity.

The company from Antwerp fully shared his success. Dawn Fay, who played Kitri, has a confidence beyond her years, full of vivacious glances, neat in her comic timing, and able to be serious, too.

Branko Moeys interestingly makes the Don a more solid, serious character than usual, and Paul Lewis also finds a way of his own with the ludicrously lovesick Gamache. There was a very lively enthusiasm throughout the supporting ensemble all evening.

Lars van Cauwenbergh showed a dashing brilliance as Espada, the matador (he shares the lead with Mukhamedov). Lenka Jarosikova in two temperamental numbers and Hilde van de Bloet, soaring through the bridesmaid's solo, also impressed.

The *production* has attractive new designs based by Roger Bernard on elegant drawings by Alain Vaës, and the jolly music (Minkus's best ballet score by far) is well played *by* the Wren Orchestra under Arie van Lysebeth.

John Percival

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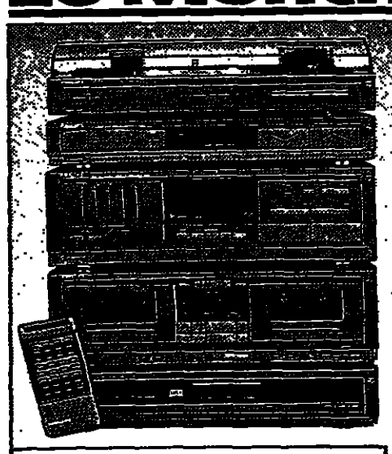

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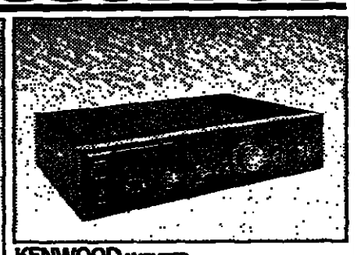

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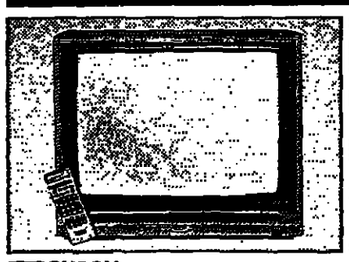

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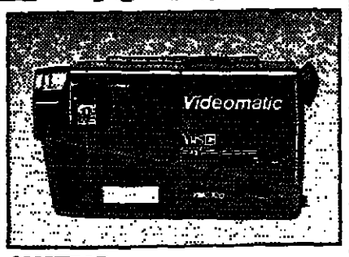

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All and nothing

CONCERTS

Radu Lupu
Queen Elizabeth Hall

With Radu Lupu, less is always more. He abandoned the two Brahms Rhapsodies programmed, and gave a recital of Bach, Mozart and Schubert, in which paring down led to ever-intensified expression, and distancing to ever-closer engagement with the music.

Lupu's physical stillness transfers itself into the very core of his playing and of the *music itself. Bach's Partita No* 1 in B Flat was held in live equipoise by a steady, even tread in the left hand, which balanced the barely perceptible rubato of the right, and the subtlety of its tonal gradations and ornaments.

*In Mozart's F Major So*nata, K 332, Lupu revealed a unity in the work which is seldom perceived because performers are distracted by the Allegro directions for the outer two movements. For Lupu, the term was only relative. *He* measured the claims of speed against the ambivalent harmonic flavour of the opening (and it has never shared so much with *the* grave-gay start to the K 488 Piano Concerto); and he estimated those claims in the context of the Sonata's muted last bars, *which come tellingly in* the wake of two flamboyant "false" endings. Speed and movement for their own sake were found wanting. In Lupu's hands, brilliance seemed irrelevant and the Sonata itself hardly time-bound.

Lupu's final piece was Schubert's last sonata, the B Flat Major, D 960. There were times, particularly in the second movement with its barely *touched left-hand cross-over* and the mesmeric oscillation of its pedal, when Lupu seemed to be playing, as Schubert was perhaps composing, for himself alone. But we ceased being mere eavesdroppers when the shock of *Lupu's juxtaposition of non*chalance and impassioned urgency made its mark in the last two movements: Schubert's final equation of all and nothing became suddenly and poignantly present.

Hilary Finch

RPO/Adams
Festival Hall

The sultry day and the large number of empty seats attributable to the Tube strike and associated traffic problems did not exactly engender an atmosphere of anticipation at the beginning of this concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. I hoped that a decent evening's music-making might have cheered the spirit, for the programme looked enterprising enough and these players are, after all, professionals. But it was not to be.

John Adams, the composer, had stepped in late in the day to replace the advertised conductor, Edo de Waart, and by so doing was making his British conducting début. He did not distinguish himself in this role, though I admired his courage in tackling Stravinsky's *Petrushka*, heard here in the 1947 revision. The performance had its moments but was often untidily balanced.

***Adams also shouldered the* considerable burden of directing the British composer Steve Gray's Guitar Concerto, written for and played by John *Williams. In its undisciplined* meanderings, Gray's piece now tries to emulate Rachmaninov, now blatantly lifts from Ravel, now erupts into brutal, percussive discord to remind us that it belongs to the 1980s after all. This was not its first performance; I am surprised it had a second.**

***Adams's own The Chairman Dances*, a piece related to but not taken from his opera *Nixon in China*, was prefaced by the composer's spoken introduction which told us nothing more than the programme note. Neither helped me to empathize with Adams's idiom. Slick, skilful, and, to a degree, fun this piece may be, but put it beside *Petrushka*, with which it superficially shares some technical features, and suddenly it seems *dull*. Meanwhile, Busoni's short but daring *Berceuse élégiaque* of 1909, could have made a beguiling start to the concert had it received a surer, warmer performance.**

Stephen Pettitt

Lady's night

OPERA

Elektra
Festival Hall

This performance of Richard Strauss's opera *Elektra* will surely turn out be one of the musical events of the year, on the South Bank or anywhere else. The principal singers and the conductor began with the *considerable advantage of* being thoroughly rehearsed, the team of Hildegard Behrens, Christa Ludwig, Nadine Secunde, Ragnar Ulfung, Jorma Hynninen and the conductor Seiji Ozawa, having completed a live recording of *the piece, though using the* Boston Symphony Orchestra rather than the London Symphony Orchestra.

Yet, however well laid the ground plans, however strong the cast, a performance such as this, intensely concentrated and *full of compelling acting* and marvellous singing, can never be anticipated. Its atmosphere was undoubtedly helped by Seth Schneidman's necessarily claustrophobic and simple staging; this work, after all, is essentially about entrapment, both of circumstance and, more powerfully, of the psyche in a circle of self-destruction.

But a great proportion of the responsibility for inspiring the team to the level it reached was undoubtedly Behrens's. Her performance of the title role was nothing short of stupendous, combining a voice which *stuns you into* amazement with a vivid stage presence and a formidable stamina to take us all by storm. The roar of approval directed at her from the audience at the end was entirely justified.

But a glance at the cast list will tell you that Behrens was not the only large personality on show. There was the Klytemnaestra of Ludwig, *who still has a ringing*, powerful instrument at her command, and who was able to deliver a terrifying portrayal of her character's demented-ness; there was also the white-clad Chrysothemus of Secunde, a young singer blessed with another strong, pure and alluring voice and mature dramatic sensibilities.

In the face of these performances, the two male roles of Orestes and Aegisthe might have been in danger of being totally eclipsed; both appear relatively briefly and late, and both seem comparatively sane. Hynninen and Ulfung, however, managed to make strong imprints on the performance — one *remembers in* particular Hynninen's profoundly moving scene of recognition with Behrens.

Even the quintet of maids was unusually powerful, while the LSO surged its way impressively through Strauss's tortuously heaving music.

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JAMES MORGAN

Alison Banks, a single mother, with her son Ashley, aged 22 months: proposed measures could see women like her paid from the earnings of the child's father

Paying for paternity

Should unmarried mothers be asked to name the father of their child so that he might be made to pay maintenance? Heather Kirby reports

Alison Banks is 24, she is not married and lives alone with her baby, Ashley, aged 22 months. She says she is unable to consider working as her son was born with a defect of the oesophagus which has required 11 operations, six of them major; she receives £49.80 Income Support and £7.25 Child Benefit a week and lives in a two-bedroomed council flat with a garden. If the Government were to bring in measures, currently being considered by John Moore, Social Services Secretary, to replace benefit paid to such mothers by maintenance deducted from the wages of errant fathers – and to make those who dispute paternity submit to DNA profiling – Banks would be delighted.

"I was a nanny in Germany when I fell in love with Ashley's father," she says. "As soon as I said I was pregnant his reaction was 'I don't want a little kid under my feet'." But welcome as such legislation may be to her and thousands of other women abandoned by the fathers of their children, she is not sure she would benefit. According to her solicitor, since the man she claims to be the father of her child is serving with the British Army in Germany, he cannot be served with papers relating to paternity, as British servicemen abroad are protected from such potentially embarrassing litigation.

Of the 940,000 single parents in Britain, a figure that includes lone fathers as well as divorcees and widows, a quarter manage to be self-sufficient, six per cent of them relying on maintenance as their main source of income. The remaining 75 per cent receives state benefits amounting to an annual burden for the taxpayer of £3.4 billion. Non-working single parents have increased from 40 per cent in 1979 to 60 per cent in 1987, and the biggest proportional increase in births outside marriage over the past decade has been to young women in the 20 to 24 age range.

Sue Slipman, director of the National Council of One Parent Families (NCOPF), says she is not against the idea of "taking money at source" from the fathers of illegitimate children. "At the moment responsibility devolves on mothers to chase fathers through the courts, and there is enormous disparity about where they get the best deal," she says. "But even if they are awarded maintenance, there is still the problem of collecting it. Her benefit is assessed on the assumption she is paid the maintenance, but mothers who have defaulting fathers have to go back to a court and in the meantime have to convince their local DSS official they really don't have the money."

Slipman thinks that one system of maintenance collection for everyone would be a good idea. "But there would still be a problem for many women who are not willing to name the father of their child. Every single mother's fear is that she will lose her child to the father. If the father is forced to pay maintenance, will that encourage him to *insist on his parental rights?*"

Courts are already able to order blood tests in cases of disputed paternity and if the putative father refuses, that can be entered as evidence. The maximum fee for DNA profiling is £115.90 per blood sample from mother, father and child, making a total of £347.70 for a report on each case. Whether this sum will be recouped from the father if a maintenance order is granted is one of the many questions still to be resolved.

Another contentious issue is how to legally enforce reluctant fathers to submit to a blood test. John Redwood, MP (Conservative, Wokingham) admits this is difficult territory. "The question is really how far society as a whole is prepared to go in finding a father who has a perfectly good job but who is getting away scot-free. At the moment the benefit system acts as an inducement to non-custodial fathers who can shrug off their responsibilities towards their children."

Lambeth, part of the Vauxhall constituency south of the Thames, where a by-election is being held next month, has the largest proportion of children born outside marriage in the country, 46.3 per cent, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. In a breakdown of families with dependent children into ethnic groups, an NCOPF report says that 56.6 per cent of West Indian families have two parents and 43.4 per cent are one-parent families, compared with 88.2 per cent of white families with two parents and 11.8 per cent single parents.

Social scientist Gus John, director of education in Hackney, East London, says: "The notion that this is because all these people are used to running around Jamaica and Trinidad breeding like rabbits without let or hindrance is a racist myth this country continues to manufacture. It is crude anthropology and bears no relation to the sort of society, where families are the norm and family links are important, which most blacks respect. The New Right's portrayal of the one-parent family as somehow deviant is an example of barbaric moralism.

"To suggest establishing paternity through blood tests is an absurd notion, although I *suppose it is a sign of the times.* How do they propose to go about it – with thumb screws and tie them down on a rack?"

Although the principle of clawing back benefits is generally accepted by agencies working with single parents, the question of the law's implementation leaves room for some doubts, according to Clare Harper, Gingerbread spokeswoman on policy. "The great worry for many of our members is confidentiality," she says. "Also we don't want to follow what happens in some states in America, where, if a woman refuses to identify the father, benefit is withheld. At the moment there is absolutely no incentive for a man to pay maintenance to a woman who *is in receipt of Income Support* because whatever he pays in maintenance is deducted pound for pound. What we would like to see is the 'maintenance disregard' so that a single mother would always know how much money she is getting."

There are some critics of benefit reforms for lone parent families who accuse the Government of failing to pursue with enough vigor the social as opposed to the economic argument.

Dr Adrian Rogers, a general practitioner, Exeter City Councillor and member of the Conservative Family Campaign, says: "It may be unpopular and unpalpable to say these things but the stigma of having a bastard baby needs to be reintroduced. Single parents account for 60 per cent of our housing priority list in Exeter. Life as a single parent is not nearly unpleasant enough. If blood tests are made mandatory, in some cases you would be having to test a large number of gentlemen. We forget at our peril that some people are feckless. They have no money, so we gain nothing by punishing them with a maintenance order which the State ends up paying. You may have to be cruel to be kind."

End of illusions

BARBARA AMIEL

Could this be the Kronstadt for supporters of the African policy of the British Council of Churches? Earlier this week, Mr Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Congress, was reported as saying that the ANC will be dropping its campaign for sanctions against South Africa. According to the report, Mr Tambo explained that sanctions only tend to force South Africa to make reforms in its apartheid system. Mr Tambo, on the other hand, wants to overthrow the entire government.

I didn't reach Mr Tambo to confirm the report. For myself, I thought the news showed some striking honesty on the part of the ANC. One of the most ancient and fundamental arguments of revolutionary movements is the notion that one must not soften the conflict that exists. Any moderation in the struggle or any genuine repair of the problem you are fighting will take the wind out of the revolutionary sails. A revolutionary movement, after all, does not want to solve problems – it wants to acquire power. It would be very difficult for the ANC to fight the South African government and obtain power for its own ideology if apartheid were quietly dismantled.

Well, fine. But where does this leave the pro-ANC members of the Church of England such as the Bishop of Coventry, his adviser, the Rev Brian Brown, Africa Secretary of the British Council of Churches, and indeed the whole Anglican race relations industry? They did persuade the Lambeth Conference to support the ANC in its quest for sanctions as well as in the ANC's use of "necessary violence".

When I last saw the Rev Brian Brown, the Church of England's specialist on African affairs, he was verbally attacking two black African bishops who had come on a special trip to England in order to politely and deferentially ask the British Council of Churches to rethink its policy on sanctions. Sanctions, explained the African clergymen, were not supported by a majority of black Christians. As it happens, their view on this matter is supported by independent polls, but the Bishop of Coventry and the Rev Brown would have none of it. The Rev Brown did ask all sorts of questions professing to examine the authenticity of the bishops' claim to represent 6 million black Christians, but I felt certain that he would not allow mere facts to upset his position. The day after the meeting a letter was printed in the *Shropshire Star* in which the Rev Brown dismissed the most senior black clergyman, Bishop Mokeona, as "someone comparable to a Screaming Lord Sutch in Britain . . .". I wonder if the Archbishop of Canterbury has the foggiest notion of what is being done in his name.

It was at Kronstadt, of course, that the sailors who had supported the Bolshevik

Those countries in the East that have suffered the system the ANC would like in South Africa understand the values of liberal democracy

Revolution finally got fed up. They had supported the October Revolution in the belief that it would bring them liberty, but by 1921 they had lost any illusions. All the revolution had done was to give the Bolsheviks power which had been used to restrict political freedoms. The Kronstadt Rebellion demanded the release of political prisoners, the end of the Communist Party's dictatorship and the establishment of civil liberties.

It occurred to me that the extraordinary changes we are seeing in the world, in such places as the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China are, in a sense, a contemporary Kronstadt – the end of illusions. Isn't that what the tense, disciplined faces in Tiananmen Square asking for a free Press and democracy are all about? Isn't that what the extraordinary enthusiasm in Moscow, Budapest and Prague for opposition parties and political pluralism means? Personally, I did not find this week's big fuss over the Soviet spies very significant. Stepped-up industrial espionage by the Soviets is surely a logical development of *perestroika.* Mr Gorbachov must show some plus on the scales of his grand experiment, and without stealing our know-how, how could *perestroika* begin to work?

What does impress one, though, turning to contemporary Chinese events, is the essential frailty of any imposed system in the face of a mass uprising. The elemental *force of a truly popular uprising* can shake seemingly solid regimes overnight. The most magnificent and elaborate edifices are unbelievably frail when the earth starts to move. It is Byronic, isn't it, the way that well-established systems imposed upon the people can melt like snow in the glance of the Lord.

It's difficult to say, of course, whether people like the Rev Brown will ever suffer a Kronstadt. Will the day come when he is forced to confront the truth about the ANC? I don't know whether he is a fellow traveller or simply naive. My own feeling, anyway, is that I expect more good to come out of the East than here in the West.

Those countries in the East that have suffered the sort of system the ANC would like to see in South Africa understand the values of liberal democracy in a way our liberal churchmen may never comprehend. The citizens of Budapest, Prague, Peking and Moscow have had their faith in liberal democracy tempered *like steel in the hellish fires of* totalitarianism. They are likely to be the ones who will affirm the values which we may have developed and which certainly characterize our institutions, but which our intellectuals have neglected. In the West we institutionalize inequality and curtail free speech in fashionable policies against sexism, racism, sensationalism and age-ism. It may be that the students in Tiananmen Square will come to understand better those values we dismiss or consider old hat.

I don't know. I simply raise this as a possibility. It may take a very long time and one should not be dewy eyed about it. But I find it a more likely development than the hope that the Anglican bishops will ever change their minds.

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TALKBACK

Play lessons

From Pat Kidd and Jane Armstrong, Inner London Pre-School Playgroups Association (ILPPA).

We agree that pre-school education is "haphazard in practice" but not that it is "vague in theory" ("Rhymes and Reasons", Wednesday Page, May 10). It is disappointing that this article implies that playgroups are second best. Playgroups can provide just as good a learning situation as state nursery schools, but they can do this to maximum effect only with more financial help than most local authorities are willing to give.

The 12 inner London boroughs give grants to playgroups, helping with equipment and keeping fees at about 50p a session. This is low enough for parents to send their children to five sessions a week. Most groups in the area are parent-managed.

The ILPPA courses are open to all and give opportunities for personal development and allow parents, playleaders and others to learn together how children's educational needs are best met. Children who are taught without practical experience through play often regress when they get to school.

It is difficult to get this message across to most parents. ILPPA courses are a good vehicle, but in many areas only the privileged few can afford the fees. The ILEA gives the ILPPA a grant to employ advisers and field-workers, who help groups to provide a high standard of education play and parents to understand how their children learn through that play.

It is ironic that at a time of talk of parent power and *parental choice, inner London* offers a real choice for parents of under-fives, because the ILEA provides a high number of nursery places and also grant-aids the ILPPA.

From Doreen Massey, The Family Planning Association, London W1.

Victoria Gillick (Talkback, May 19) highlights the failure rate of condoms. Tests show that for every 100 couples using condoms properly two will have a pregnancy within a year. The success of condoms depends largely on the ability to use them correctly. Condoms are a safe way of protecting against unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Mrs Gillick also discusses research suggesting a link between the Pill and breast cancer, and presents a bleak view of the contraceptive choices for young women. Those on modern low-dose pills have a lower risk of breast cancer than that stated in the research she quotes, and the findings are not borne out in the numbers of recorded cases. Women must have the facts about contraceptive methods to enable them to weigh up the risks and benefits and make informed choices.

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WEEKEND INFORMATION SERVICE

This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Review section on Saturday by a *preview of the week ahead. Items should be sent* to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE BLACK PRINCE:** Ian McDiarmid is marvellous as Iris Murdoch's hero, facing up to love, murder and a writer's block
Aldwych, Strand, WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Holborn/Temple/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat and 8.30pm, mats Sat 5pm and Wed 3pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ **CAVING IN:** Diane Bull intensely moving as the wife desperate for a child in Ayshe Raif's poignant play. Recommended.
Soho Poly Theatre, 16 Riding House Street, W1 (01-636 9050). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £4-£6.

☆ **THE DOUBLE BASS:** Virtuoso performance by Ron Bergias in Patrick Suskind's blackly comic monologue for a frustrated musician. Directed by Edward Hardwicke.
The Man in the Moon, 392 Kings Road, SW3 (01-351 2876). Tube: Sloane Square. Tues-Sun, 8.30pm, £3-£4.

★ **KING JOHN:** Nicholas Woodeson in Deborah Warner's tremendously successful rescue job on a neglected play.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/St Paul's/Moorgate. Tonight 7.30-10.30pm, £9.50-£11.

☆ **THE MISANTHROPE:** Edward Petherbridge magnificent in Tony Harrison's witty rhyming version of Molière.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7-9.15pm, £6-£15.50.

☆ ***OVER MY DEAD BODY:*** Donald Sinden, June Whitfield, Frank Middlemass play three crime novelists in new comedy thriller.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm, £7.50-£15.

☆ **THE TEMPEST:** Nicholas Hytner's production for the RSC with John Wood a magnificent Prospero.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, *EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube:* Barbican/St Paul's/Moorgate. Tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm, mat tomorrow 2pm, £7-£16.50.

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ☆ **A Doll's House:** Miranda Foster, Daniel Massey, T P McKenna in Nick Ward's production of his own version.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), *Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri* and Sat 8pm, £4-£8.50.

MALVERN: ☆ **Pygmalion:** Philip Madoc plays Higgins and Linda Lusardi (ex Sun Page 3) *plays his Liza in Festival* production.
Festival Theatre (0684 892277), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £4.50-£11.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ ***Advance booking possible***

■ **BETRAYED (18):** Flawed but absorbing thriller from Costa-Gavras, with Debra Winger uncovering white *supremacist skulduggery among the* Midwest wheatfields (127 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.05, 5.05, 8.10.
≋ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.45, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30.

■ **DANGEROUS LIAISONS (15):** Glenn Close and John Malkovich *star in* Stephen Frears's film of lust and intrigue in 18th-century France (120 min).
≋ **Cannon Fulham Rd** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.25, 5.10, 8.00.
≋ ***Warner West End*** *(01-439 0791).* Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35.

FLETCH LIVES (PG): *Chevy Chase* returns as the flip reporter with a penchant for disguises, investigating *nefarious doings in the Deep South.* Broad satire, directed by Michael Ritchie (95 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.50, 4 10, 6.20, 8.40.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.00, 8.30.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

■ **HER ALIBI (PG):** Glossy frolic with Tom Selleck as a mystery writer who *complicates his life* by rescuing a beautiful murder suspect from court custody (95 min).
Cannon Baker Street *(01-935 9772).* Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

MISSISSIPPI BURNING (18): Alan *Parker's punchy, controversial film* about FBI officers (Gene Hackman, Willem Dafoe) investigating the murder of three Civil Rights workers in 1964.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5906). Progs 1 50, 6.15, 9.00.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 2.40, 5.20, 8.05.
Odeon Haymarket *(01-839 7697).* Progs 12 10, 2.45, 5.40, 8.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-930 6111). Progs 12.00, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.20, 5.30, 8.15.
≋ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 8.45.

MY STEPMOTHER IS AN ALIEN (15): Kim Basinger zooms down from outer space to change the life of roly-poly scientist Dan Ackroyd (107 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). *Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.40.*

■ **NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET IV:** ***THE DREAM MASTER (18):*** *Directed by* Renny Harlin. Another instalment of the morbid tales of Freddy and the sleeping teenagers (93 min).
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

TORCH SONG TRILOGY (15): Harvey *Fierstein, who wrote the original play,* takes the lead as the sad drag artist in this romantic film version. Also starring Anne Bancroft as the manic mother disapproving of his affairs (119 min).
Cannon Fulham (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.15.

Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861, 8606). Progs 2.25, 5.25, 8.05. Late Sat *11.00.*
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366). Progs. 3.25, 6.10, 8.40. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

■ **RAIN MAN (15):** Compelling drama, winner of four top Oscars, with Dustin Hoffman as an autistic man almost swindled out of a three million dollar inheritance by his callow young brother, Tom Cruise (134 min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.00.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15.

■ **WORKING GIRL (15):** Attractive, light-hearted social satire from director *Mike Nichols, with Melanie Griffith as* the Staten Island secretary who zooms up the Wall Street ladder (116 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 4.05, 7.00, 9.30.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.20, 11.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). *Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.*
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) Mississippi Burning
2 (–) *Torch Song Trilogy*
3 (4) Rain Man
4 (3) My Stepmother is an Alien
5 (–) Fletch Lives
6 (8) Working Girl
7 (5) Dangerous Liaisons
8 (2) Nightmare on Elm Street IV
9 (6) Betrayed
10 (7) Her Alibi
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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) See No Evil, Hear *No Evil*
2 (–) Roadhouse
3 (2) Field of Dreams
4 (3) K-9
5 (4) Pet Sematary
6 (5) Major League
7 (6) Rain Man
8 (7) Scandal
9 (8) The Dream Team
10 (–) Miss Firecracker
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Nightmare on Elm Street IV
2 Her Alibi
3 Working Girl
4 My Stepmother is an Alien
5 Rain Man
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Coming to America
2 Buster
3 Nico
4 Beetlejuice
5 Big
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An effortless climb to the top

At a time when record company strategies for launching new acts into the hideously overcrowded rock marketplace usually take several years to come to fruition, Tanita Tikaram (left) has made her rise to international stardom look as easy as falling off a log. The daughter of a Fijian diplomat from Basingstoke, she took up singing and songwriting as a diversion between A levels and a university course which wasn't to be. Instead, in December 1987, she was spotted by agency booker Paul Charles at her first public appearance, at the Mean Fiddler's Acoustic Room in London, and was signed to WEA the following March. She enjoyed an immediate Top 10 hit with the tuneful, unpretentious pop song, "Good Tradition", and released a richly detailed début album, *Ancient Heart*, last September, one month after her nineteenth birthday. The album has sold more than 1 million copies in Europe alone, and last month's début tour of America has by all accounts set the same unstoppable ball in motion there. Self-assured and mature beyond her teenage years, she is blessed with a haunting contralto voice, and a gift for writing songs that sound as though they have been plucked fully-formed from the ether. Tonight, Hexagon, Reading (0734 591591) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50; Sunday, Theatre Royal Drury Lane, London WC2 (01-240 7472); Monday, London Palladium, W1 (01-437 7373); Tuesday, Kilburn *National, London NW6* (01-328 3141).
David Sinclair

SUNDAY

☆ **FUNEREAL, TRIUMPHANT:** Besides pieces by Bedard, Catel, Devienne, Gebauer, Gossec and Méhul, the band of La Garde Republicaine plays *Berlioz's resounding Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale.*
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 3.15pm, *£3.50-£9.*

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ **WAART'S ART:** Edo de Waart conducts the RPO in Schubert's Symphony No 8 "Unfinished." Berg's Violin Concerto (Nigel Kennedy, soloist), Fauré s *Pelleas et Melisande* Suite and Stravinsky s *L'Oiseau de Feu* Suite.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.40pm, £4-£20.

☆ **THE WINNER:** David Russell won first prizes at the 1975 Ramirez, the 1977 Segovia and Tarrega Guitar Competitions and now he plays music *by Merts, Handel, Assad and* Domenicconi.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London, W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **DAVIS/LSO:** The LSO is conducted by Sir Colin Davis in Beethoven's Violin Concerto with Kyung-Wha Chung as soloist, Sibelius's Symphony No 4 and Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments in Memory of Debussy.
Barbican Centre, *Silk St, London, EC2* (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.40pm, £4-£18.50.

OPERA

TODAY

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** Nuria Espert's perceptive production for Scottish Opera, conducted by John Mauceri and with Nancy *Gustaafson as Violetta.*
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£23.

☆ **FIDELIO:** Strong revival of Jonathan Miller's original production for Kent Opera, now on tour, and with a pre-performance talk at 6pm.
King's Theatre, Southsea, (0705 828282), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£15.

TOMORROW

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's production for English National Opera conducted by Michael Lloyd.
Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London* WC2 (01-836 3161), 7pm, £3-£25.

★ **ORFEO ED EURIDICE:** Glyndebourne's production of Gluck's opera in the original Italian conducted by Hermann.
Glyndebourne, East Lewes, Sussex (0273 541111). 6.10pm, returns only.

GALLERIES

TODAY

FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING: A mixed show of watercolours, prints and drawings of the human figure by, among others, Ken Howard, Bernard Dunstan and John Bratby.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, London SE1 (01-928 7521), Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat *10am-5pm*, Sun 1-5pm, free, until June 18.

THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS: A series of concurrent exhibitions celebrating the gallery's extensive *and specialist* collections of wallpapers and textiles.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, Manchester (061 273 4865), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Sept 16.

TOMORROW

GILLIAN AYRES: Recent paintings by the doyenne of large-scale abstraction with lashings of impasto, colour and wit.
Arnolfini, Bristol (0272 299191). From tomorrow.

SUNDAY

PHILIP GUSTON (1913-1980): 128 drawings by a *highly influential* American artist whose return to representation imagery helped fuel a *figurative revival in the 1960s. Plus* Posada: Messenger of Mortality; cartoons and illustrations based on political turmoil and revolution in Mexico.
Museum of Modern Art, Oxford *(0865 728608).* From Sun.

ROCK

TODAY

☆ **JOHNNY DIESEL AND THE INJECTORS:** Charismatic Australian rock band in the Bryan Adams mould.
Marquee*, 105 Charing Cross Road,* London WC2 (01-437 6603) 7pm, £5.

TOMORROW

☆ ***MARY COUGHLAN:*** Brassy Irish singer, who mixes a heady cocktail of blues, folk, rock and jazz.
Mean Fiddler, 24-28 Harlesden High Street, London NW10 (01-961 5490) *8pm-2am, £6, for five nights.*

SUNDAY

☆ **THE GO-BETWEENS:** Polished Australian rockers, recently supporting R.E.M. on tour in Europe.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne Street, *Newcastle* (091 261 4386) 8pm, £4-£4.50.

DANCE

TODAY

☆ **DON QUIXOTE:** Rudolf Nureyev's entertaining production for the Royal Ballet of Flanders.
Derngate, Northampton (0604 24811) *today 7.30pm, tomorrow 2.30pm, and* 7.30pm) £4-£19.50.

TOMORROW

★ ***LA BAYADERE:*** *Guest stars Altynai* Asylmuratova and Farukh Ruzimatov with Sylvie Guillem and the Royal Ballet. Also mat with débuts of Maria Almeida and Darcey Bussell.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.20pm, mat 2.30-5.20pm, day tickets (£6) and returns only.

JAZZ

TODAY

☆ ***STEPS AHEAD:*** *One of the most* commercially successful bands of the past decade, the American crossover specialists are supported by the UK group Desperately Seeking Fusion.
Logan Hall, Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-387 9629) tonight, 8pm, £12.

☆ **DOC CHEATHAM:** His weekly sessions at New York's Sweet Basil's are a reminder that his trumpet tone is *still undiminished. Accompanied tonight* and tomorrow by guitarist Al Casey.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) tonight, 9.30pm, ring for prices; Farmers Club, Gresham Road, Cambridge (info 0223 62086) tomorrow 7.30pm, ring for prices.

TOMORROW

☆ **NINA SIMONE:** Some of her recent UK shows have shown her returning to *her most inspired form. Support from* the vibes player Orphy Robinson.
Bath Festival: Colston Hall, Colston Street, *Bristol* (0272 227417) 7.30pm, £7-£13.

GARDENS

OXFORDSHIRE: University Arboretum, *8m* S of Oxford on A423, 400 yards S of Nuneham Courtenay village; 55 acres, heather garden, rhododendron walks, camellias, *bamboo and* acer collections, meadow, pond, aquatics, fine collection of conifers; staff available to answer questions; admission 50p, *child free;* plants for sale; Sun 2-5pm.

DUMBARTON: Geilston House, 1m from Cardross, route 814; walled garden, *glen with burn,* azaleas, flowering shrubs, wild hyacinths; *admission* 75p, child 25p, cars free; plants for sale; tomorrow 2-5.30pm.

WILTSHIRE: Easton Grey House, 3½m W of Malmesbury on B4040; intensively cultivated nine-acre garden; lime tolerant shrubs, clematis, *rose garden,* walled kitchen garden, large greenhouses; open all year except Sundays; admission 50p per person; collecting box for charities; 2-6pm.

ESSEX: Beth Chatto Gardens, on A133, ¼ mile E of Elmstead Market; 5 acres, *landscaped garden, many unusual* plants, shown in a wide range of conditions from hot and dry to a water garden; splendid adjacent nursery *full of* unusual plants; admission £1, child free; *until Oct 31*, Mon to Sat, closed bank holidays, 9am-5pm; Nov 1-Mar 1, every Mon-Fri, closed bank holidays; 9am-4pm.

SURREY: Hascombe Court, 3½m SE of Godalming, off *B2130, between* Hascombe and Godalming, nr Winkworth Arboretum; large garden woodlands, rhododendrons, herbaceous, terrace and rose garden, Japanese rock and water garden, walled garden; admission £1, child 10p; Mons May 29 and Aug 28, Sun July 30; 2-6pm.

WALKS

TODAY

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Embankment tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-441 8906).

LAWYER'S LONDON: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-882 3414).

TOMORROW

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

THAMESSIDE PUB TOUR: Meet *Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £3.50* (01-882 3414).

SUNDAY

THE HISTORIC CITY — FROM THE *ROMANS TO THE BLITZ:* Meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-441 8906).

THE LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: Meet Monument tube, 11.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

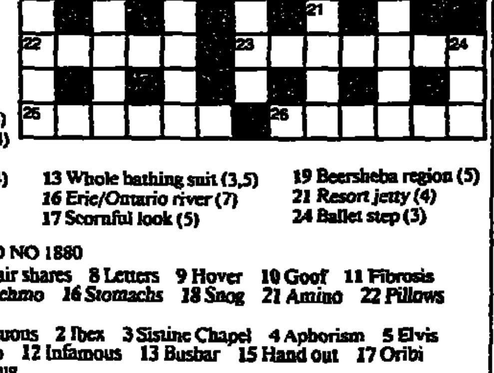
ROYAL ESCAPE YACHT RACE: Annual event commemorating Charles II's historic escape from Brighton.
Brighton, East Sussex. On the beach in front of the Old Ship Hotel from 9am.

THE PRINT MAKERS COUNCIL: *First* day of an exhibition showing the work of 60 top print makers from all over Great Britain, *including* etchings and aquatints, city and landscapes. All items for sale.
The Royal Exchange Theatre Company, St Anne's Square, Manchester (061 833 9333). *Until* June 28, Mon-Sat, 9.30am to curtain up.

FOOD AND FARMING FORTNIGHT: Opening of restored medieval farmstead plus two weeks of special demonstrations, lectures and other entertainments.
Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester, West Sussex (0243 63348). Today until June 11, *11am-5pm.* Adult £2.50, Child £1.25.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Gardens: Roy Hay.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1881



ACROSS
1 Dress (6)
4 Seaman's chapel (6)
9 Judaic court (4,3)
10 Legally (2,3)
11 Oil *reservoir* (4)
12 Ceiling opening (4,4)
14 Adjourn to custody/bail (6)
15 Fair haired (6)
18 Skittles (8)
20 Stroll (4)
22 Valveless trumpet (5)
23 Peach, grape skin (7)
25 Apostle of the Indies (6)
26 *Nazi Caucasians* (6)

DOWN
1 Thickset horse (3)
2 *Best* (7)
3 Fault/vertical angle (4)
5 Post-ballot survey (4,4)
6 Greetings (5)
7 Ship's other ranks (5,4)
8 *Vicious growl* (5)
11 Valuables safe (6,3)
13 Whole bathing suit (3,5)
16 *Eric/Ontario river* (7)
17 Scornful look (5)
19 Beersheba region (5)
21 *Resort jetty* (4)
24 Ballet step (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1880
ACROSS: 1 Fair shares 8 Letters 9 Hover 10 Goof 11 Fibrosis 13 Bosun 14 Schmo 16 Stomachs 18 Snog 21 Amino 22 Pillows 23 First light
DOWN: 1 Fatuous 2 Ibex 3 Sistine Chapel 4 Aphorism 5 Elvis 6 Flag 7 Presto 12 Infamous 13 Busbar 15 Hand out 17 Oribi 19 Gush 20 Plug

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

LE BEAU
(c) *One of Duke Frederick's courtiers in As You Like It,* he tells Rosalind and Celia of the impending wrestling-match; possibly the same lord who later takes Frederick the news that the girls have fled from the court.

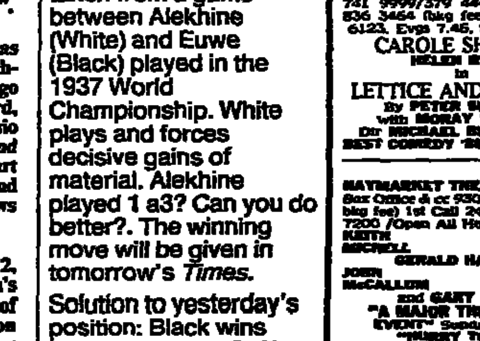
COMINIUS
(a) The Roman Consul who leads the army against the Volscians at Corioli, and later awards Coriolanus his honorific surname and sponsors him for the consulship: "the good Cominius".

MONTANO
(a) *Othello's predecessor* as governor of Cyprus. Treacherously persuaded by Iago that Cassio is a drunkard, he tries to prevent Cassio duelling with *Roderigo* and is seriously injured. Apart from soldierly honour, and rage at the end, he shows little character.

FEEBLE
(b) In *Henry IV* part 2, Francis Feeble, a woman's tailor, is the only one of Falstaff's tatterdemalion *army recruits to show any* zeal to fight.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from a game between Alekhine (White) and Euwe (Black) played in the 1937 World Championship. White plays and forces decisive gains of material. Alekhine played 1 a3? Can you do better?. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins material with 1...Qxf1+ and 2 Ne4 dis+.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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TELEVISION CHOICE

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● If anyone can carry a situation comedy it is Gwen Taylor, that splendid actress whose credentials include *Duty Free* and the more recent *A Bit of a Do*. The only pity is that she is tending to be typecast as the spinster or the cheated wife and **Sob Sisters** (ITV, 7.30pm) fails to break the mould. It would have been more daring to have Taylor as the sister who married a rich businessman and led a life of jet-setting luxury and Polly Adams as the one who stayed single and can barely afford her modest flat. The dramatic trigger for the series is the widowing of rich sister Dorothy and her reunion with down-at-heel Liz. When they meet for a meal out, Liz can only offer Luncheon Vouchers which Dorothy trumps with a credit card. A variation on the same joke is Liz commiserating to Dorothy about how the funeral must have been difficult for her. "No," comes the reply, "I put it in on American Express." They seem miles apart but when Dorothy discovers she is not as well off as she thought she was, she agrees to take Liz's spare room. The comedy is based not just on social embarrassment but on that classic standby of the genre, the study of two people who find it difficult to live

Living together: Polly Adams as Dorothy and Gwen Taylor as Liz (ITV 7.30pm)

together but cannot exist apart. Written by Andrew Marshall (of *Whoops! Apocalypse* and *Hot Metal*), and featuring Freddie Jones as an irascible vet, *Sob Sisters* spends most of its first episode setting up the situation and is not overburdened with funny lines. But sitcoms need to play themselves in and this one has the talent to succeed.

● Introduced by the actor Ian McKellen, who calls it a remarkable document, **Rights and Reactions** (BBC2, 9.30pm) charts the bumpy passage through New York City Council of a bill to outlaw discrimination against homosexuals. Remarkable or not, it is gripping television, a crisply edited montage of passionately argued views in which the reasonableness of the contention that sexual preferences should not be a disqualification for jobs or housing prevails on the screen as it ultimately did in the council chamber. That is not to say that the film is one-sided or propagandist. The opponents of the bill are amply represented. But they tend to blow their case by relying on a Bible-bashing fundamentalism which sees homosexuality as a moral disease spreading its infection through the nation.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
6.30 The Flintstones in *Ladies' Day* (r). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Laurie Mayer and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Popeye.** Cartoon.
9.20 Kilroy! For the last time in this series, Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by **Dr Kildare.** The final episode of the medical drama serial starring Richard Chamberlain and Raymond Massey (r).
10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with **Playbus** (r). **10.50 The Wombles** narrated by Bernard Cribbins (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** Joanna Lumley with a reading (r).
11.00 News and weather followed by **International Golf.** Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of the first round of the Volvo PGA championship from the West Course, Wentworth. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay and Clive Clark. Includes news and weather at **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Des persuades Eileen to seek medical advice; and hard-up Madge is furious with Henry when he makes a mistake over her car
1.50 Film: Gypsy and the Gentlemen (1958) starring Melina Mercouri and Keith Michell. A penniless Regency buck marries a gypsy who thought he was a man of wealth. They decide that the man's sister must be relieved of her fortune. Directed by Joseph Losey.
3.35 Tom and Jerry Double Bill 3.50 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon characters (r). **4.00 Caterpillar Trail.** Nick Davies milks a cow, grinds corn and find out how to protect our smallest mammals
4.10 Mysterious Cities of Gold. Episode 16 of the animated adventure serial
4.35 Film: The Boy Who Never Was (1979). A Children's Film Foundation adventure about the son of an ambassador who disappears. Two of his friends think they know where he is but they find themselves in the middle of a terrorist gang's bomb plot. Directed by Frank Godwin. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan With Sue Lawley. Among tonight's guests is Cliff Richard, celebrating 30 years in show business
7.40 Every Second Counts. Comedy quiz show presented by Paul Daniels
8.15 Dynasty. Sable issues a lawsuit on cousin Alexis, who immediately flies off to Switzerland to protect her assets. Meanwhile, down at the lake, Dex, Blake and Jeff are bemused when they discover that the hidden vault is empty. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Fort Apache, the Bronx (1981) starring Paul Newman, Ken Wahl and Edward Asner. Drama, set in New York's 41st precinct, an area of the South Bronx that is a violent battleground between hoodlums and the police. Veteran patrolman Murphy and his young partner, Corelli, have their lives made more uneasy by the arrival of a new police commander who demands that everything should be done according to the rule book. Directed by Daniel Petrie. (Ceefax)
11.30 Whicker's World. In Sydney, Alan Whicker attends a fancy dress ball; meets a London East Ender who emigrated to become a dustman; and meets a man who was born in a Cumbrian workhouse half-a-century ago and is now an Australian cabinet minister (r). (Ceefax)
12.20am Film: Jack the Ripper (1959, b/w) starring Lee Patterson and Eddie Byrne. The story of the mysterious murderer who struck terror into the hearts of East End prostitutes in Victorian London. Directed by Monty Berman.
1.40 Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News and The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Tayler; **8.00 News; 9.00 News and After Nine** which includes Russell Grant's sunsigns.
9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor. The guest celebrities are Janice Long and John Junkin **9.55 Thames news** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes advice on enjoying retirement; and on avoiding back trouble. Plus national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rainbow. Children's educational puppet series (r). **12.30 Take the High Road.** Dougal tries to influence the man who is surveying his croft; Fiona awaits the arrival of her son; and Isabel finds volunteers for her election campaign
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20 Thames news** and weather
1.30 Getting Ready for Chelsea. A documentary that goes behind the scenes to show the feverish hard work that goes into making the Chelsea Flower Show in the grounds of the Royal Hospital such a colourful success. **2.00 The Bill.** Omnibus edition (r).
3.00 Tell the Truth. Which one of the guests is not telling the truth? **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama series
4.00 The Telebugs (r). **4.05 The Windfalls,** narrated by Peter Hawkins **4.20 Jimmy Cricket's Joke Machine.** The guests include Duggie Brown, Nicholas Parsons and Pat Coombs **4.30 Grim Tales.** Rik Mayall with the story of *The Three Little Men in the Wood.* (Oracle) **4.45 Fun House.** Slapstick game show, presented by Pat Sharp. Last in the series
5.10 Home and Away. Australian drama serial about a couple and their five foster children
5.40 News with Trevor McDonald. Weather.
5.55 The Weekend Live introduced by Joanna Kaye and Paul Coueslant **6.00** *LWT News* **6.15 Friday Now** presented by Pam Royle **6.55 LWT News** and weather
7.00 Tarby's Frame Game. The first of a new series of the fast-moving find the missing words game show hosted by Jimmy Tarbuck
7.30 Sob Sisters. (see Choice)
8.00 The Match. Live coverage of the match at Anfield between Liverpool and Arsenal, the game that will decide the First Division championship. Introduced by Elton Welsby with commentary from Brian Moore
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather **10.35 LWT News** and weather
10.40 The London Programme presented by Trevor Phillips. An investigation into the trade in retired greyhounds and other unwanted pets who finish their lives in vivisection laboratories
11.10 Film: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1954) starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. Musical comedy about a dumb blonde and a show girl who leave Little Rock, Arkansas, for Paris in search of rich husbands. With Charles Coburn, Elliott Reid and Tommy Noonan. Directed by Howard Hawks.
1.00am The James Whale Radio Show. James Whale cajoles his studio audience and 'phone-in contributors into animated debate on a number of topics. Among his guests tonight is Judge James Pickles to whom Whale addresses on the subjects of prison conditions and sentencing policy. Followed by **News headlines**
2.00 The Fugitive. Kimble saves the life of his girlfriend. Starring David Janssen and Barbara Baxley
3.00 The Yellow Rose. Ranching drama series from the United States, starring Sam Elliott, David Soul and Cybill Shepherd. Followed by **News headlines**
4.00 US Baseball. Oakland v Detroit.
5.00 ITN Morning News with Zeinab Badawi. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC 2

6.55 Open University: Equilibrium Rules OK? Ends **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax**
10.05 Daytime on Two: the docks today – for hearing-impaired children **10.25** Inspirations for arts projects **10.45** Storytime **11.03** Human cells **11.25** Industry in South Wales **11.45** Mindstretchers **11.50** Using computers **11.55 Ceefax 12.20** Ways youth and age are represented on television **12.55** A drama about a 16-year-old girl who is reluctant to reveal details of her private life
1.25 Mr Benn (r). **1.40 English Time** (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r). **2.15 Weekend Outlook**(r).
2.20 International Golf. Live coverage of the first round of the Volvo PGA championship from the West Course at Wentworth. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
5.30 Film 89. Barry Norman reports from the Cannes Film Festival (r).
6.00 Film: The Errand Boy (1961, b/w) starring Jerry Lewis. A comedy about a dim paperhanger who causes chaos in a Hollywood film studio. Directed by Jerry Lewis
7.35 Bilko (b/w) starring Phil Silvers and Alan Alda (r).
8.00 Weekend. A guide to what's on in the south and east this weekend (see Variations for other regions' programmes).
8.30 Gardeners' World from Barnsdale and a Leeds garden that boasts 80 varieties of clematis.
9.00 Comic Asides. Black humourist John Dowie takes a comic look at the after-life. With Max Wall and Anna Wing. (Ceefax)
9.30 Rights and Reactions (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow **11.15 Weather**
11.20 Tommy Smith. The Scots saxophonist is joined by his own quartet – Jason Rebello (piano), Alec Dankworth (bass) and Ian Froman (percussion) – and Norwegian bassist Arild Anderson.
11.50 Film: The Voyage Beyond (1987) starring Shatrughan Sinha. Comedy drama set in 1830s India, about the ancient practice of "suttee" whereby a widow is burnt to death in order that she be able to join her dead husband. Directed by Goutam Ghose. Bengali/Hindi dialogue with English subtitles. Ends at **2.00am.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily includes national and international news; weather; travel reports; business news; an arts and entertainments guide; sports news; and consumer advice.
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Open at One. Part six – women in management **1.30 Open Mind.** Khalid Aziz talks to Gerald Ratner about how he turned his small family jewellery business into the world's largest retail jewellers
2.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is Smokey Robinson
2.30 Film: I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now (1947) starring Mark Stevens and June Haver. Musical biography of American vaudeville entertainer and songwriter Joe Howard. Directed by Lloyd Bacon
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Comedy about the oil-rich Clampett family
5.30 Hard News (r).
6.00 Wagon Train (b/w). Vintage western adventures
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and David Cass. Weather
7.55 Book Choice. Hugo Vickers discusses Anthony Lambton's story of *The Mountbattens.* (Oracle)
8.00 God's Frontiersmen. The second of a six-part drama documentary history of Ulster Protestants.
9.00 All Muck and Magic? Organic gardening series. (Oracle)
9.30 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Oracle)
10.00 Roseanne. American domestic comedy series
10.30 Wax on Wheels. Ruby Wax descends on Lady Kilearn at her Sussex country home Haremere Hall to find out about life above and below stairs
11.20 A Tribute to Leslie Halliwell. Two of his favourite films beginning with **Sing As We Go** (1934, b/w) starring Gracie Fields as an unemployed Lancashire mill girl. Directed by Basil Dean.
12.45am Film: Things to Come (1936, b/w) starring Raymond Massey, Cedric Hardwicke and Ralph Richardson. Science fiction adventure based on the novel by H. G. Wells. Directed by William Cameron Menzies. Ends at **2.25.**

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

5.30am European Business Channel **6.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00pm** Another World **12.55** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** Family Affair **3.45** Care Bears **4.00** Countdown **5.00** The Young Doctors **5.30** Three's Company **6.00** Sky Star Search **7.00** Sale of the Century
7.30 Bring 'Em Back Alive **8.30** The Friday Movie – Half Slave, Half Free **10.30** Jameson Tonight **11.30** Police Story **12.30am** The Landscape Channel

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.30am European Business Channel **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.30** Beyond 2000 **6.30** Wild West End **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** Wild West End
1.30 Newsline **2.30** The Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** Entertainment Tonight

SKY MOVIES

4.00pm The Dog Who Stopped the War (1986): Family film directed by André Melancon
6.00 The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985): With Mia Farrow. Woody Allen directs
8.00 Winners Take All: Motorcross adventure directed by Fritz Kiersch
10.00 The Falcon and the Snowman (1985): Spy thriller with Timothy Hutton. John Schlesinger directs
12.15am Up the Creek (1984): College comedy directed by Robert Butler

EUROSPORT

10.30am Mobil Motor Sport News **11.00** Surfer Magazine **11.30** Brazil v Rest of the World – International Football **12.30pm** Italian Open Golf Championships
1.30 The Rome Horse Show **2.30** Australian Rules Football **4.30** Programme Menu **6.00** Women's International Tennis **7.00** Major League Baseball. **8.00** PGA Golf Championships **10.00** European Cup Final **11.00** Australian Rugby League

MTV

6.00am MTV! **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** MTV Half-Hour Comedy Show **12.00pm** MTV! **2.00** Yo! Mix **2.30** VJ Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** The Coca-Cola Report **4.15** 3 from 1 **4.30** VJ Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** MTV at the Movies
6.30 Remote Control **7.00** XPO **8.00** Yo! **8.30** VJ Ray Cokes **9.45** The Coca-Cola Report **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** VJ Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** Your Scene **12.00am** Club MTV **12.30** Kino **1.30** Night Videos

PREMIERE

3.00pm Miracles **4.30** G-Force **5.00** The Last Race **6.30** Street Legal **7.30** The Reblion of Young David
8.00 Playing for Keeps **9.45** Crime Story **10.30** Let's Get Harry **12.15am** Half Moon Street **1.45** Peggy Sue Got Married

SCREENSPORT

3.00pm Major League Baseball '89 **5.30** Auto Racing **6.30** NHL Ice Hockey **8.30** US PGA Golf – 1989 Tour **10.30** Inside the PGA
11.00 AWA Wrestling

LIFESTYLE

9.00am It Figures **9.30** Search for Tomorrow **9.55** Travelview Tips **10.00** Wok with Yan **10.30** The Lifestyle Coffee Break
10.35 The Edge of Night **11.00** The Great American Gameshow **12.20pm** Star Time **12.25** Sally Jessy Raphael **12.50** Spanish Cocktail **1.00** Search for Tomorrow **1.25** Afternoon Cinema: The Man on the Eiffel Tower

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 1.40am-1.45 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.30pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 8.30 The Rockford Files 10.20 The Beechgrove Garden 10.50 *Left, Right and Centre* 11.20 Whicker's World 12.10am Film: Jack the Ripper 1.30 Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.50pm-3.35 Balmoral Show '89 5.35 Sportswide 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.55-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 Play Better Golf NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.25am-10.40 Ulster in Focus: Wasteland 8.00pm-8.30 Triptych ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30 *Midlands:* Life File – the Tunnel; *North:* Secret Rivers; *North-east:* The Last Parade; *North-west:* Now! North West on Two; *South, South-west* and *West:* Father Quintin

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20 News 1.30 Gardens for All 2.00-3.00 Country Practice 5.10-5.40 About Anglia Xtra 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Home and Away 10.35 Cross Question 11.20 What The Papers Say 11.35 The Bill 12.30am-1.00 We Got It Made 2.00 Film: Grip of the Strangler 3.30-4.00 Night Gallery

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Guinness Record 1.20 News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00-3.00 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take The High Road 10.35 Best Place in the World 11.10-1.00am Nightmares 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Night Beat 4.50-5.00 The Cure in Profile

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.00 Heart of the Country 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Central Post 6.00 News 6.35-7.00 Home And Away 10.35 Central Weekend 12.05am-1.00 Crime Story 2.00 Dark Secret of Harvest Home 4.45-5.00 New Squadronaires

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Something To Treasure 2.00-3.00 Donahue 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.35 Botham's Back 11.35 Jack Thompson Down Under 12.05am Film: Hearst And Davies Affair 1.50 Cinematractions 2.20 America's Top 10 2.50 American Sport 3.50 Heart of the City 4.50-5.00 Fun in the Sun

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Only When I Laugh 1.20 Grampian News 1.30-2.00 Gardening Time 5.55 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sheepdog Trials 8.00 Murder She Wrote: The Bottom Line is Murder 9.00-10.00 Gentlemen & Players 10.35 Crossfire 11.05 Crime Story 12.05am-1.00 At The Maintenance Shop 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Night Beat 4.50-5.00 The Cure in Concert

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30 Week In View 2.00-3.00 Falcon Crest 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors 5.55 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Kick Off 10.40 This England 11.10-1.00am Nightmares 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Night Beat 4.50-5.00 The Cure in Concert

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.00 Mary 5.55 News 6.30-7.00 Problems 10.35 Botham's Back 11.05 Story of Steam 11.35 Kojak 12.30am-1.00 Cinematractions 2.00 Film: Game For Vultures 4.00 Cover Story 4.25-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.55-7.00pm Wales At Six 10.35-11.35 Elinor Live

TSW As London except: 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Friday Life 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Fresh Fields 10.35 Sledge Hammer! 11.10-1.00am Nightmares 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Night Beat 4.50-5.00 Pop Profile (The Cure)

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TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.00 Venture 5.55-7.00 Northern Life 10.35 55 North 11.10-1.00am Nightmares 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Power Hour 4.50-5.00 The Cure in Profile

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Newstime 1.30-2.00 Gardening Time 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.35 Festival 11.00 Witness 11.05-1.00am Nightmares 2.00 Film: Crack in the World 3.55 Night Beat 4.50-5.00 Pop Profile (The Cure)

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: Big Tip Off 3.30-4.00 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.40-7.00 Hollywood Sports 10.40 Benson 11.10 Cycling 12.00-1.00am Kojak 2.00 UFO 3.00 The Forum Presents (Booker T Jones) 4.00-5.00 Outsiders

S4C Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.00 Site More Sale 9.30 Schools 12.00 Parliament Programme 12.30pm Newyddion 12.35 Briwsion 1.00 Sesame Street 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Nature in Focus 2.30 Man and Music 3.30 Design 4.30 Fifteen To One 5.00 Lost in Space 6.00 Newyddion 6.15 Sbiat! 6.40 Sgwano 7.00 O Fan i Fan 7.30 Newydd Bob Nos 8.00 Yr Arwr A'i Faes 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Survivor's Guide 10.00 Wax On Wheels 11.20 Film: Sing As We Go" 12.45am Film: Things To Come" 2.25 Closedown

RTE 1 Starts: 2.30pm Noah's Ark 3.00 The Pallisers 4.00 Sons and Daughters 4.25 Men of Destiny 4.35 Stars Look Down 5.30 Sullivans 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Play The Game 7.30 Room Outside 8.00 China Beach 9.00 News 9.30 The Late Late Show 11.35 Film: Private Benjamin 11.35 Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 Muppet Babies 3.30 T-Bag 4.00 Top Cat 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.50 Ten Minute Tales 5.00 Newsline 5.25 Danger Bay 5.55 Death Valley Days 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Who's The Boss? 7.30 Write Stuff 8.00 Lions Down Under 9.00 Mr President 9.30 Film: Messenger Boy 10.55 Wisdom of the Dream 11.55 Closedown.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then **10.30**
5.00am Adrian John **6.30** Simon Mayor **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** *Newsbeat* **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Big Beat **9.00** In Concert: Duran Duran **12.00am** The Mary Whitehouse Experience **12.30-2.00** The Ranking Miss P

RADIO 2

MW News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Joe Brown **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Memories of You **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **9.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Journey Into Space **10.30** Mind Your Own Business! **11.00** Angela Rippon **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST
4.45am News **5.00** World News followed by 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours followed by News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Seven Seas **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Londres Matin **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Talking From... **11.30** Meridian **12.00pm** Newsreel **12.15** Ten Years of Mrs Thatcher **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours followed by News Summary and Financial News **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** BBC English **3.30** Heute Aktuell **4.00** News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Londres Soir **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Kaleidoskop **6.30** Aus der kommunistischen Welt. Made in Britain **6.54** Nachrichten **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Financial News **7.30** Network UK **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** The Globetrotter's Guide to Popular Music **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack **3 12.00am** Newsdesk **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Poetry of the Century **1.45** Book Choice **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Newsreel **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** Network UK **3.30** The World Today **3.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau **4.00** Aus der kommunistischen Welt. Made in Britain, Schallplatte der Woche **4.33** Tips für Touristen **4.37** Nachrichten

RADIO 3

7.00am Morning Concert: Sibelius (Valse triste, Valse romantique, Kuolema: Gothenburg SO under Jarvi); Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales: Vlado Perlemuter, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd.): Stenhammar (Overture, Excelsior!: Gothenburg SO under Jarvi); Mahler (Blumine: Israel PO under Mehta); Beethoven (Overture, Egmont: Boston SO under Ozawa); Grieg (Suite, Sigurd Jorsalfar, Op 56: Ulster Orchestra under Handley)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Vivaldi. Concertos No 1 in B flat; No 8 in D minor; No 2 in E minor; No 4 in A minor; No 9 in F; No 11 in D, La stravaganza, Op 4 (Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood)
9.35 From Venice to Vienna: Malipiero (Quartet No 1, Rispetti e Strambotti: Stuyvesant String Quartet); Monteverdi (Chiome d'oro, bel Thesoro: Boulanger Ensemble under Nadia Boulanger); Beethoven (Sonata in F, Op 54: Peter Donohoe, piano); Stravinsky (Concerto in D for string orchestra: ECO under Colin Davis); Tippett (Sonata No 3: Peter Donohoe, piano); Monteverdi (Amor dicea, Lamento della ninfa: Boulanger Ensemble under Boulanger); J.C. Bach (Overture, Il tutore e la pupilla: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood); C.P.E. Bach (Sonata in A minor, Wq 57 No 2: Christian Zacharias, piano); Dittersdorf (Concerto in G: Camerata Berne under Füri); Salieri (Sinfonia in D, Veneziana: ECO under Richard Bonynge); Schubert (Moments musicaux, D 780: Zacharias, piano)
12.10pm BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Jerzy Maksymiuk conducts violinist Takashi Shimizu performing Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor; Haydn's Symphony No 78 in C minor
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester. Pianist Philip Martin plays Bystrom's Air russe varié; Sinding's Frühlingsrauschen, Op 32; Grieg's Ballade in G minor, Op 24; Rautavaara's Sonata No 1 Op 50, Christus und die Fischer; Nordgren's Hoichi the Earless, Op 17; Englund's Introduzzione e toccata.
2.00 Cherubini: Quartet in E flat, Op 1 No 1: Roth Quartet (r)
2.30 Hallé Orchestra: Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts Stravinsky (Ballet, Jeu des cartes); Ravel (Concerto in D for piano, left hand, and orchestra); Shostakovich (Symphony No 1 in F minor). With Gary Graffman, piano (r)
3.50 Music for Guitar: Anthea Gifford plays Louis Couperin (Passacaille in G minor); Ponce (Prelude in E, Gigue); Martin (Quatre pièces brèves); Granados, arr Jose de Aspiazu (La Maja de Goya); Granados, arr Llobet (Spanish Dance, No 5) (r)
4.25 Eichendorff Settings by Schumann and Wolf: Second of two programmes. Henry Herford, baritone, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Wolf (Der Freund; Der Musikant; Verschwiegene Liebe; Das Ständchen; Der Soldat I; Der Soldat II; Nachtzauber; Lieber alles; Heimweh; Der Scholar; unfall; Seemannis Abschied; Die Nacht)
5.00 Young Lions: Music written by Mozart and Mendelssohn when they were teenagers. Performed by the Guildhall Strings under Robert Salter. Mendelssohn (Symphony No 4 in C minor for strings); Mozart (Divertimento in B flat, K 137); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 12 in G minor for strings) (r)
5.45 A Highway to Heaven: (2 of 8) Francis Wilford Smith charts the evolution of black gospel music
6.15 The Works. Presented by David Owen Norris
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Natalie Wheen talks to the Mexican artist Rufino Tamayo
7.30 The Friday Play: Timon of Athens. By William Shakespeare. Greed triumphs over humanity in this dark play, which was never finished by the Bard. With Robert Stephens as Timon; Norman Rodway as Apemantus and John Rowe as Alcibiades
9.45 Frankl/Pauk/Kirshbaum Trio: Clara Schumann (Piano Trio in G minor, Op 17); Robert Schumann (Piano Trio No 2 in F, Op 80); Brahms (Piano Trio No 2 in C)
11.10 Composers of the Week: Smetana (Shakespeare Festival March; Characteristic Pieces; From My Homeland; Prague Carnival) (r)
12.10am News **12.15** Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) stereo on **VHF**
5.55am Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather
6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the day (s)
6.30 Today, presented by Peter Hobday and Jenny Bond, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's guest is Katharine Hamnett (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback. Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments on BBC programmes and policy. Last of the series
10.00 News; Special Assignment, with BBC correspondents at home and abroad. The Real SDI. America's defence policies and their implications for Europe
10.30 Morning Story: The Parcel of Dreams, by Richard Lewis and Louis Robinson. Read by Colin Stinton
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: All Quiet on the Western Front. Alexander MacLeod assesses President Bush's foreign policy after 100 days in office (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands. Penelope Lively explores the world of children's books and meets Philippa Pearce, best known for the famous children's novel *Tom's Midnight Garden*
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Waite
12.25 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper, reporting on the dangers to pregnant women of toxoplasmosis, a disease carried by parasites in animal's faeces
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One. Presented by Brian Widlake
1.40 The Archers (r)
1.55 Listening Corner: The River Boat Crew
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Manchester. Includes a feature on prosperity in the North – MPs Lynda Chalker and Joan Lestor will discuss the myth and the reality; plus how to cope with failure; Chrissie Maher celebrating 10 years of the Plain English campaign; journalist Debbie Jackson advocating sleeping with your baby; and a preview of Britain's largest women only running event, taking place in Liverpool on Sunday
3.00 News; Villette. Dramatization in six parts of Charlotte Brontë's novel (2). With Joanna Mackie as Lucy Snowe, Lee Montague as M. Paul, Fiona Walker as Mme. Beck and Sue Jenkins as Ginevra. Directed by Kay Patrick (s)
4.00 News
4.05 All in the Mind. Professor Anthony Clare presents the magazine devoted to matters of the mind (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes an assessment of the work of Emile Antoine Bourdelle, a pupil of Rodin, whose sculptures can be seen in the Yorkshire Sculpture Park (s) (r)
5.00 PM
5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places. Travel and transport news
7.00pm News
7.05 The Archers. The 10,000th episode! By Bruno Milna. With guest, Terry Wogan
7.25 Pick of the Week, with Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Liverpool with Enoch Powell, Tony Banks MP, Jerry Hayes MP and Head of Centre for Women's Studies, Coventry Polytechnic, Rosalind Miles
8.50 Stop Press. Martin Wainwright reflects on the upheavals in the journalistic world caused by the tensions between Britain and the Soviet Union
9.15 Wally K Daly in the BBC Sound Archives
9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Special report on the cultural life of Mexico (s)
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Clean Young Englishman, by John Gale (10 of 12)
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Week Ending. Satirical review of the week's news (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as LW except: 11.00am-12.00 For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time

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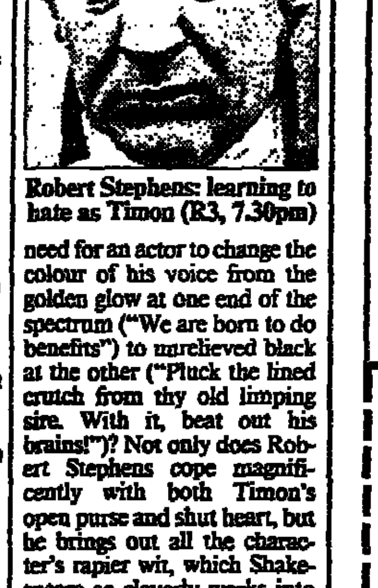
RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● There's a feast of vituperation waiting to be served to you on Radio 3 tonight (7.30pm), every course heavily seasoned with bile, every drink laced with hate. Even though the memory of Jonathan Miller's 1981 BBC Television version of **Timon of Athens** persists vividly, I had quite forgotten how vast are the forces of malice Shakespeare musters for this tragedy about the Athenian aristocrat, whose lavish generosity fuelled by the flattery of fake friends and anchored in quicksand, degenerates into a detestation of everything and everybody. Is there in all Shakespeare such a total *volte-face* as Timon's, or such a



Robert Stephens: learning to hate as Timon (R3, 7.30pm)

need for an actor to change the colour of his voice from the golden glow at one end of the spectrum ("We are born to do benefits") to unrelieved black at the other ("Pluck the lined crutch from thy old limping sire. With it, beat out his brains!")? Not only does Robert Stephens cope magnificently with both Timon's open purse and shut heart, but he brings out all the character's rapier wit, which Shakespeare so cleverly works into Timon's exchanges with his mirror image, Apemantus (Norman Rodway, rejoicing anew in the misanthropy we first admired in Miller's television production).

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Judgement day for the Lord Chancellor

By Brian James

As sombre, and occasionally as rancous, as a parliament of crows the synod of the stern Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland arrived in Inverness yesterday at a final judgement on Britain's foremost lawyer, Lord Mackay of Clashfern.

By a vote of 33 to 27 it disallowed an appeal by the Lord Chancellor, in his absence, against a suspension as church elder. The vote came at the close of seven hours' argument, sprawling over two days. Spiritual and procedural wrangling over Lord Mackay's offence in attending the Roman Catholic Requiem Masses for two former legal friends, teetered often between incomprehensibility and farce.

The synod disallowed the claim of Lord Mackay's supporters that there was no scriptual basis for the charge that he had sinned in failing to "flee from the presence of idolatry". The synod majority also paid little heed to the warning of impending schism, though the accusations of malice and prejudice gave abundant hint of it.

Lord Mackay, although highly respected throughout the Free Presbyterian movement, has because of his high profile become the focus of deep divisions.

Although many of the 6,000 members are in small congregations scattered through former colonies or native converts in black Africa, the church has a huge influence in the west of Scotland and throughout the islands.

The moderates, already setting out motions of dissent from yesterday's decision are aware of the impossible position in which the Lord Chancellor now sits. He will only be readmitted when the suspension ends if he "repents", agreeing in effect to perform no official duty which leads him into the ritual company of Catholics. He has made plain that for the liberty of his conscience he will not obey; if he leaves the church scores or hundreds of moderates are likely to follow.

It does damage to language as well as geography to suggest Inverness yesterday was close to Iran: Yet in the certainty of their own religious rectitude, their belief in their authority, those are the closest British religion has to offer to the ayatollahs with their ban on the celebration of Christmas, on cremation and enmity towards another religion.

Lord Mackay's offence was in their eyes heinous. As Lord Chancellor he felt obliged to take part in the formalities that said farewell to his former colleagues, Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Wheatley.

A motion to permit a petition of support with 1,000 names had been lost at the start of the argument by 45 to 31 votes. The courts could scarcely refuse to hear Lord Mackay's letter read from the pulpit.

"I consider I was correct as a Christian judge to attend . . . to publicly show my respect for their memory. Neither by thought, word or action did I ascent to the doctrine of the Mass," he wrote.

The fundamentalists would have none of that, thus the pursuit of their most illustrious current elder began.

Disciplining of back-sliders has long been a major part of the free Presbyterian Church. They have publicly rebuked the Prince of Wales for attending a Mass as one measure of their authority, suspended an adherent, himself a stern sabbatherian, for belonging to a golf club that permits Sunday play, as another.

Never had there been such an uproar at Inverness where the corps of the media descended en masse. In any other congregation the text chosen by the Moderator, the Rev Lachlan Macleod, who began one session from Isaiah 25: "Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers", might have been seen as a shaft of wit: but humour as the wrangling droned on would clearly play little part in the synod.

Voices were only seldom raised. Yet the studious politeness of the argument, every man given his "reverent" or his "mister" seemed only to emphasize that voices came from belief that dipped down to the marrow of the bone.

Sentences were hauled from the scriptures to belabour opponents, lines from Calvin or Knox waved like banners. All but the smallest handful of minds had seemed to be sealed long before the synod.

Lord Mackay committed a sin simply by being in the presence of idolatory; or he was merely exercising his Christian right to say farewell to friends. There was no middle ground.

Rev Robert Sinclair: "Lord Mackay is a man whose conscience is clear before God."

Rev Donald Maclean, who labelled the Roman Catholic church the "masterpiece of Satan".

Rev Aaron Ndebele, from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, the outgoing moderator of the church.

Mackay loses appeal over suspension from church

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Free Presbyterians and as Lord Chancellor.

It has more than 6,000 members although most are scattered around the world, mainly in Africa. The outgoing Moderator is the Reverend Aaron Ndebele, from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. However, the church is firmly based in the west of Scotland.

The Rev Robert Sinclair, aged 90, the oldest and longest serving Free Presbyterian minister, said: "Lord Mackay is a man whose conscience is clear before God." He argued fiercely and said Lord Mackay had gone to the funerals to express only his respect for deceased colleagues and show sympathy to the relatives.

The Rev Donald Maclean, one of the most powerful and feared members of the church, labelled the Roman Catholic church the "masterpiece of Satan".

Mr Roy Middleton, who started the action.

Action against Lord Mackay was first taken by Mr Roy Middleton, a librarian and a church elder from Barnoldswick, Lancashire, who read a newspaper report of Lord Mackay's attendance at the requiem mass held for Lord Russell.

His complaint against Lord Mackay first went to the Lord Chancellor's Edinburgh kirk session, but was unanimously thrown out.

Mr Middleton then appealed to the Southern Presbytery in Glasgow last November leading to Lord Mackay's suspension.

Lord Mackay made clear last night that he would remain Lord Chancellor. In a brief statement from his office at Westminster he said he was disappointed but wanted time to consider the matter.

The statement added: "I believe that what I did was right and that what I did was perfectly consistent with my position as an elder."

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Political sketch

Beards as rare as Suffolk hedgerows

Was it by chance that Dennis Canavan (Lab, Falkirk W) entered the Chamber in a pale green, Castro-style safari-suit just as Geoffrey Dickens (C, Littleborough and Saddleworth) was pleading with agriculture ministers to save the African elephant?

Was it by chance that Dickens, probably the heaviest man on the Tory benches, singled out for his sympathy the elephant and whale? Ban imports of whale meat, he trumpeted. For good measure, he called for a ban on elephant meat too. *Do* we import elephant meat? When did you last have haunch of elephant, peas and mash down at the chippie?

And was it by chance that the minister asked to reply was Donald Thompson, the biggest-surviving mammal on the government bench? Thompson gazed tenderly into the afternoon haze, his great frame shaking gently with emotion. Did we see a tear in his eye, brushed aside as he rose to defend these endangered species? "I have," he confessed, "a fellow feeling with these creatures."

Your sketchwriter was discarding as fanciful the theory that MPs grow to resemble their Questions, when whose Question should he spot on the order-paper but one from Labour's manic-bearded Jeremy Corbyn (Islington N), About hedgerows.

Beards are as rare at Westminster as hedgerows in Suffolk. There is only a scattering on the Opposition benches. Tory beardmen lost Greg Knight (Derby N) when he heard that Mrs Margaret Thatcher hates facial hair, and removed his. But your writer abandoned these thoughts when – sadly – Corbyn missed his Question; and the House skipped on through Question 14 (David Harris, C, St Ives: the problems of Cornish fishermen *again*) to Question 15 from the lately-bearded Greg Knight.

It was about hedgerows. Really. Could farmers have grants, please, to plant hedges? The hedges, no doubt, they originally took grants to uproot. Robert Jones (C, Hertfordshire W) leapt to his feet, trying to catch Mr Speaker's eye. Mr Jones' huge beard bristled with excitement. Honestly.

How far can this hypothesis be taken? If I were to tell you that when the minister told the House about the "lamb variable premium" several honourable members went "baaaa!" you would think I was making it up? But they did.

And well they might, for sheep-farmers are coining it under the new EC "sheep-meat regime". More and more are turning to sheep and it is clear already where it will end. In due course, there will be a glut followed by quotas (or price-cuts) followed by howls from farmers followed by a "sheep set-aside" scheme under which people who think they *might* keep sheep have to identify themselves to the ministry, whereupon they are paid cash not to.

These inevitabilities, already in train with cereals, explain an exchange between John MacGregor, the minister, and Michael Latham (C, Rutland and Melton), who had asked about the Brussels price-fixing agrement. This, replied MacGregor, had secured for British agriculture about "£155 million".

"Per farmer?" came the anonymous shout.

Not yet. However, Robert Hughes (C, Harrow W) hastened that day when he asked ministers to extend the set-aside scheme to "nitrate-sensitive" areas.

Are grants still available to help with purchasing fertilizer? If so, you will soon be able to receive a subsidy to buy nitrate, then another subsidy not to use it. That will be on top of your subsidy for not grazing sheep you don't have on land you are subsidized not to put out to barley.

There was laughter in Business Questions, later, when Northampton's Tony Marlow demanded that ball-by-ball cricket-coverage on the BBC be retained. It was an act, he said, of cultural vandalism. Cricket, cathedrals, Land of Hope and Glory, distrust of foreigners, and the continuing premiership of Mrs Thatcher classically defined the best of England. It would be catastrophic if we were to lose any of them.

Matthew Parris

Four Czech envoys expelled

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Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet Ambassador, of the expulsions which led to an Anglo-Soviet row.

Sir John reminded Mr Fidler of recent moves to improve links with Prague through regular ministerial visits, political consultations, expansion of contacts, and co-operation on new methods of manufacturing explosives to make them more easily identifiable following terrorist incidents. This followed the Lockerbie disaster in which a Pan American jumbo jet was destroyed by a bomb almost certainly made from Semtex, a Czechoslovak explosive.

There has been no suggestion that Prague was involved in the incident or directly supplied the bomb-makers.

Britain is to table a resolution in the United Nations Security Council calling for an international convention under which all plastic and sheet explosives would contain a chemical marker enabling the country of manufacture to be identified. Whitehall sources said that the resolution came out of Anglo-Czechoslovak co-operation.

Sir John told Mr Fidler that, in the light of the efforts to improve diplomatic links, it was "all the more regrettable" that four members of his staff had been engaged in incompatible activities. He reminded him that he was given a warning only last September that Britain would not tolerate such activities.

UK 'spies' attacked

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Roxburgh were particularly severe. He was accused of trying to recruit a Soviet citizen to obtain information on government installations.

"To this end, the foreigner (Roxburgh) gave him equipment for listening and recording telephone conversations, and also promised to pay a monetary reward for information that was interesting to him," Mr Strunin said.

Roxburgh said he was stunned by the allegations and described the detailed accusations as "the biggest load of nonesense". He did, however, confirm a KGB claim that he had travelled to the southern resort city of Yalta without giving the required notice.

Glover-James was accused of "demonstrating on numerous occasions a heightened interest in installations of a military character that is unjustified for a journalist". He denied this.

The KGB accused Harris of trying on several occasions to enter zones closed to foreigners. This was also denied.

Thatcher defends Lawson

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Whitehall sources later said there had been no comment on Mr Lawson's report. Tory backbenchers took their cue from Downing Street at a meeting of the backbench 1922 committee last night. Afterwards, one senior Conservative said: "We have been told to keep our heads down."

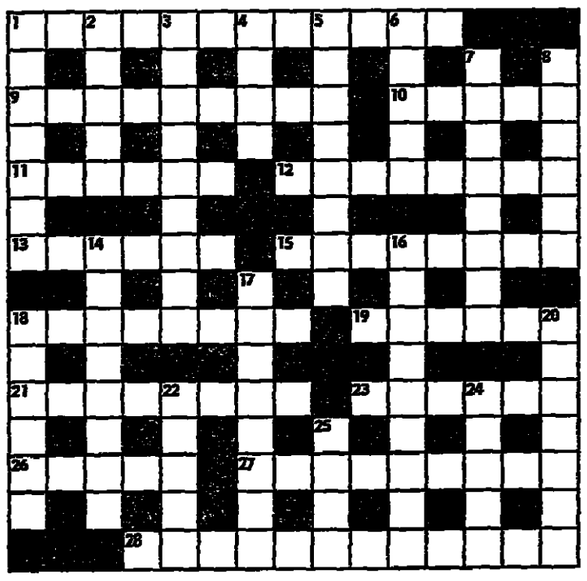
Mrs Thatcher said inflation of 8 per cent was "unacceptably high" for a Conservative government. There were roars of approval from the Labour benches when Mr Nicholas Budgen, Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South-West, said: "There is some confusion on these benches about the Government's economic policy. Will you state whether the recent increase in interest rates was caused to hold up the value of the pound or to restrict private credit and the money supply?"

Mrs Thatcher turned on him and retorted: "As you are aware, the recent increase in interest rates is to get the rate of inflation down. I am sure you will find no confusion on economic policy – the Chancellor and I find none."

Mr Kinnock said when launching Labour's 1992 campaign that it had been the week of the Tory treble – the highest inflation rate in Europe, the highest interest rates in Europe and the highest trade deficit in Europe.

"After 10 years, they have no one to blame but themselves."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,992



ACROSS

1 Such policemen avoid a uniform approach (5,7).
9 Decoration for naval personnel in action at last (9).
10 Who said the church makes illicit liquor? (5).
11 Even tomboys avoid this hiding place underground (6).
12 Buckles, gold pair, for a spendthrift (8).
13 Apprehension is lifting (6).
15 The sort of device Peter needed after misfire? (4,4).
18 As president, he shouldn't drop a sitter (8).
19 Being unprincipled, left scent around (6).
21 Smutty business at school (8).
23 Pedestal for emperor in our museum (6).
26 Drug for expedition (5).
27 An unknown church in Devon (9).
28 Put on a performance for the record (8-4).

DOWN

1 Level-headed eminence dead in city of old Navarre (7).
2 Seaman has no right to arrest (5).
3 This kind of compartment may be OK with men on Southern Region (3-6).
4 Shelters in the grounds (4).
5 Disapproving expression on hearing college instruction (8).
6 28 has a carrier for the vestment (5).
7 Tedious musical, for an intellectual (4-4).
8 A leech clumsily using pincers (6).
14 He misrepresents the copper trader's product (8).
16 Sent up caricature to the editor (9).
17 Shell acquires a hard top, for example, very quickly (8).
18 Unmannerly young man is married to a style of painting (6).
20 One of the parasitic creatures the king had more than enough of (7).
22 Set of moral commandments – ten – in manuscript volume (5).
24 Sum left a small child upset (5).
25 Surrounded by farm hinds, every second counts (4).

Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

BARD PARTS

LE BEAU
a. A Frenchman captured by Pistol
b. An alias of Sir Hugh Evans
c. A grovelling courtier

COMINIUS
a. A Roman Consul
b. The alias of Posthumus Leonatus
c. Timon's only friend in adversity

MONTANO
a. A Governor of Cyprus
b. A companion of Romeo
c. A wooer of Bianca

FEEBLE
a. An Athenian shoemaker
b. A woman's tailor
c. A drunken ostler

Answers on page 22

Solution to Puzzle No 17,991

W	A	L	L	O	P		T	H	R	E	A	T	E	N
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WEATHER

In the south after a cloudy start it will be mainly dry with some sunshine. Most of England and Wales will be dry with sunny spells. The east will start cloudy with drizzle: the coast will stay dull but inland it should brighten. Temperatures along the east coast will be on the low side but elsewhere it should be reasonably warm. In the far north of Scotland some cloudy weather will bring occasional showers. Outlook: cloudy in the north of Scotland with light rain, a few showers in southern England, elsewhere dry and fairly sunny.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	r	Majorca	22	72	c
Akrotiri	22	72	s	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Malta	21	70	f
Algiers	23	73	f	Melb'rne	14	57	f
Amst'dm	27	81	s	Mexico C*	24	75	s
Athens	18	64	c	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	23	73	s
Barbados*	-	-	-	Montreal*	16	61	r
Barcelona	19	66	c	Moscow	19	66	s
Belgrade	21	70	f	Munich	23	73	s
Berlin	24	75	f	Nairobi	22	72	c
Bermuda*	27	81	s	Naples	25	79	f
Biarritz	20	68	f	N Delhi	37	99	s
Borde'x	26	79	f	N York*	17	63	c
Brussels	27	81	s	Nice	22	72	s
Budapst	20	68	f	Oslo	20	68	f
B Aires*	19	66	s	Paris	23	84	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Peking	32	90	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Perth	18	64	s
C'blanca	22	72	c	Prague	22	72	s
Chicago*	27	81	f	Reykjvk	7	45	c
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	26	79	s	Rio de J	25	77	s
C'plgn	22	72	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Corfu	22	72	s	Rome	23	73	s
Dublin	14	57	c	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dubrovnik	21	70	s	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Faro	20	68	f	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	25	77	s	S Paulo*	25	77	f
Frankfurt	24	75	s	Seoul	17	63	c
Funchal	20	68	f	Sing'por	27	81	r
Geneva	24	75	s	St'kholm	26	79	s
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Helsinki	25	77	s	Sydney	16	61	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tangier	22	72	f
Innsbruck	24	75	f	Tel Aviv	28	79	f
Istanbul	17	63	c	Tenerife	21	70	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	22	72	r
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Toronto*	22	72	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Tunis	21	70	c
L Palmas	20	68	c	Valencia	22	72	c
La Tpaz	23	73	f	Vanc'ver*	21	70	c
Lisbon	19	66	f	Venice	23	73	s
Locarno	29	82	c	Vienna	21	70	s
L Angls*	19	66	s	Warsaw	24	75	f
Luxembg	24	75	s	Wash'ton*	22	72	c
Luxor	38	97	s	Wellton	11	52	r
Madrid	20	68	f	Zurich	24	75	s

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	9.5	.14	20	68	sunny
Hunstanton	11.5	-	25	77	sunny
Clacton	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
Penzance	12.7	-	24	75	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.9	-	22	72	sunny
Jersey	12.1	-	29	84	sunny
St Ives	11.0	-	19	66	sunny
Minehead	10.2	-	24	75	sunny
Bpool Airpt	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Douglas	12.1	-	20	68	sunny
B'ham Airpt	1.9	.13	22	72	thundr
Bristol (Cnt)	7.0	-	27	81	thundr
Leeds	8.4	.03	25	77	thundr
London	7.4	-	29	84	sunny
Manchester	*	.04	24	75	thundr
N'cstl-n-Tyne	10.9	-	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	7.4	.04	24	75	thundr
Cardiff (Cstl)	11.6	-	26	79	sunny
Aberdeen	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Glasgow	1.4	-	16	61	cloudy
Lerwick	2.9	.07	12	54	rain
Stornoway	9.0	-	12	54	sunny
Belfast	8.9	-	15	59	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.12	6.7	6.20	6.5
Aberdeen	5.31	3.8	6.32	3.6
Avonmouth	11.35	11.2	11.59	11.1
Belfast	3.15	3.3	3.57	3.0
Dover	2.59	5.8	3.39	5.9
Falmouth	9.37	4.4	9.52	4.8
Glasgow	4.40	4.7	5.21	4.3
Harwich	4.00	3.6	4.11	3.5
Holyhead	2.30	5.0	3.06	4.6
Hull	10.32	6.5	11.17	6.3
Ilfracombe	10.22	7.8	10.49	7.9
King's Lynn	9.35	5.8	10.27	5.4
Leith	6.56	4.9	7.43	4.7
Liverpool	3.22	8.4	3.51	8.0
Oban	9.52	3.1	10.32	3.3
Pembroke	9.15	4.6	9.31	4.8
Swansea	10.42	8.0	11.10	8.0
Tees	8.00	4.8	8.51	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	3.56	3.8	4.09	3.7

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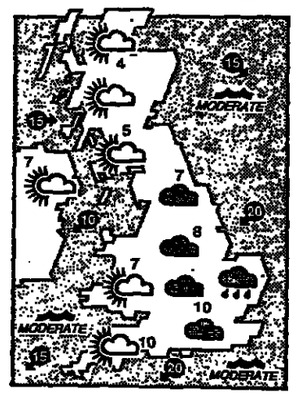
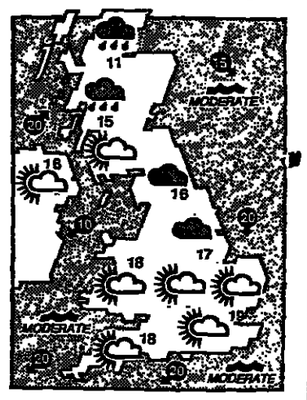


PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 3pm today.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.8 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.31 pm to 4.24 am
Bristol 9.41 pm to 4.34 am
Edinburgh 10.06 pm to 4.11 am
Manchester 9.50 pm to 4.22 am
Penzance 9.46 pm to 4.52 am

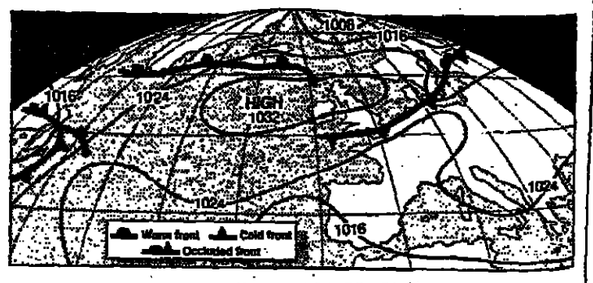
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F	
Belfast	14	57	f	Guernsey	20	68	s
B'mingham	14	57	c	Inverness	13	55	f
Blackpool	14	57	c	Jersey	26	79	s
Bristol	18	64	c	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'chester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	10	50	c
Glasgow	15	59	f	N'ddaway	15	59	f

Sun rises: 4.55 am
Sun sets: 9.01 pm
Moon rises 1.19 am
Moon sets 10.05 am
Last Quarter May 29

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

US dollar
1.5815 (+0.0120)

W German mark
3.1519 (–0.0067)

Exchange index
93.1 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1777.3 (+3.3)

FT-SE 100
2136.6 (+3.9)

USM (Datastream)
168.68 (+0.33)

£1.6bn trade deficit cools rate rise fears

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Fears that the latest rise in interest rates might not be enough faded as sterling stabilized after publication of the April trade figures. The current account deficit for April, which had been nervously awaited, was £1.66 billion, slightly higher than the City expected but below the worst fears.

Against an easier dollar sterling closed up 1.2 cents at $1.5815, leaving the effective rate index unchanged at 93.1. The dollar slipped below DM2 to close at DM1.9930 in London. Sterling had opened 0.3 of a pfennig firmer but fell about a pfennig on the trade figures. It was helped by Bank of England intervention, and by the close in London was down 0.67 of a pfennig at DM3.1519. Shares were virtually unchanged with the FT-SE 100 index closing up 3.9 at 2,136.6.

Mrs Thatcher, challenged in the House of Commons, said the reason for the widening deficit was higher investment in Britain. Interest rates had been increased to push down inflation. And, smoothing over any suggestion of a rift with the Chancellor, she said: "You will find no confusion on economic policy. The Chancellor and I find none."

The current account deficit was the fourth biggest and compared with a downward-revised £1.18 billion in March. In the first four months the deficit has been running at an annual rate of £18 billion, but the Treasury said it had expected the gap to begin narrowing later in the year as consumer demand slowed down. The official forecast remains £14.5 billion.

Exports fell from £7.4 billion to £7.14 billion and imports rose from £9.07 billion to £9.3 billion, leaving a shortfall on visible trade of £2.16 billion. Invisible earnings were estimated to be in surplus by £500 million.

Analysts said there were various mitigating factors to explain some of the deterioration since March. About £100 million of the turnaround was

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accounted for by changes in erratic items, including a £184 million fall in exports between the two months relating mainly to ships, and an £86 million rise in imports.

Oil output continued low because of accidents in the North Sea. Output from the Cormorant Alpha and Fulmar oil platforms is expected to resume this month and next.

Anticipation of a dock strike may also have had an adverse effect on the figures, though officials believe this is slight. The dock strike effect is likely to have been greater on imports than exports because there are more likely to have been capacity constraints on accelerating exports.

The Treasury said the underlying trend in exports was still upwards while imports had levelled off. The volume of exports in the last three months, excluding oil and erratic items, was 1.5 per cent higher than in the previous three months, compared with 5.9 per cent in March.

But growth remains high compared with a year earlier at 8.5 per cent. Import volume on the same basis showed a rise of 1 per cent in the three months to April compared with 3 per cent in the three months to March.

The rise in imports is on the capital goods side where the figures show an increase of 2 per cent in the last three months against three months earlier. Consumer goods on the same basis fell 1 per cent.

Mr Adam Bennett of Shearson Lehman said: "The figures are broadly in line with the market and the guts don't read too badly. The rise in interest rates was all to do with sterling and not related to nasty figures in the pipeline."

Sir John Hoskyns, chairman of the Institute of Directors, criticized Government policy, saying that keeping the pound artificially high could push Britain into a slump. "The idea of pursuing an exchange rate policy is and always has been suspect."

Advisers resign

Eagle Trust, the Midlands conglomerate, has lost its adviser and stockbroker for the second time in two months. Charterhouse Bank resigned as financial adviser and Charterhouse Tilney quit as stockbroker. Swiss Bank Corporation dropped both posts in March.

Homes outlook

Family Money tomorrow takes a look at the prospects for homeowners now base rates have risen to 14 per cent and finds a novel way to sell property.

Readicut rise

Pre-tax profits of Readicut International rose by 27 per cent to £18.7 million. The total dividend is 3.16p (2.73p). Tempus, page 26

Westbury up

Westbury reports pre-tax profits more than doubled at £36.3 million. The total dividend is 8.5p (5.5p). Tempus, page 26

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2487.35 (+3.48)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 34005.39 (+153.57)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2752.51 (–256.22)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 179.0 (+1.3)
Sydney: AO ..... 1544.0 (–27.2)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... Closed
Brussels:
General ..... 6092.89 (+43.09)
Paris: CAC ..... 469.4 (+2.9)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 552.4 (–1.2)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 1100.44 (+2.68)
FT.–"500" ..... 1218.75 (+3.78)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 170.4 (+2.3)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 96.87 (–0.02)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 86.06 (+0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Nash Industries ..... 203p (+50p)
UEI ..... 686p (+21p)
AB Elect ..... 379p (+16p)
BM Group ..... 471½p (+18p)
British Aerospace ..... 672p (+27p)
Slebe ..... 510½p (+13p)
Parkdale ..... 127½p (+10p)
Norcros ..... 317½p (+10p)
Nu-Swift ..... 530p (+36p)
RMC Group ..... 789½p (+17p)
Anglia Sec ..... 270p (+25p)
Thames TV ..... 483½p (+13p)
Carlton Comm ..... 837½p (+30p)
Boosey & Hawkes ..... 485p (+20p)
Condor Group ..... 840p (+20p)
Ward White ..... 288p (+11p)
Steetley ..... 482p (+12p)

FALLS:
Swire Pacific 'A' ..... 153p (–14p)
Gresham House ..... 455p (–20p)
Ross Consumer ..... 74½p (–18p)
Closing prices
Bargains 24160
SEAQ Volume 482.8m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13²⁵/₃₂–13½%
3-month eligible bills: 13½–13⁹/₁₆% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 11½%
Federal Funds 9⅜%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.49-8.47%*
30-year bonds 102¹/₃₂–102²³/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5815	£: $1.5805*
£: DM3.1519	$: DM1.9950*
£: SwFr2.7740	$: SwFr1.7560*
£: FFr10.6830	$: FFr6.7595*
£: Yen224.25	$: Yen141.95*
£: Index:93.1	$: Index:72.2
ECU £0.65982	SDR £0.786534

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $363.30 pm-$363.80
close $364.00-364.50 (£230.00-230.50)
New York:
Comex $363.70-364.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $17.65 bbl ($17.60)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.05
Austria Sch	22.10	21.75
Belgium Fr	69.10	68.20
Canada $	1.99	1.87
Denmark Kr	12.69	12.69
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.85
France Fr	11.05	10.45
Germany Dm	3.27	3.09
Greece Dr	282.75	282.75
Hong Kong $	12.85	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.232	1.162
Italy Lire	2375	2245
Japan Yen	239	223
Netherlands Gld	3.705	3.495
Norway Kr	11.82	11.17
Portugal Esc	270	255
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	203.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.855	2.725
Turkey Lira	3750	3150
USA $	1.58	1.56
Yugoslavia Dar	19000	1500

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 114.3 (April)

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TV contractor advances despite cost of cuts

TED BATH

Putting investors in the Thames picture: Sir Ian Trethowan and Richard Dunn yesterday

Thames turns up profits to £31m

By Martin Waller

Thames Television, the London TV contractor chaired by Sir Ian Trethowan, cheered its fans in the City with pre-tax profits almost 12 per cent higher at £31.04 million in the year to end-March.

There is a final dividend of 10.25p, making a total increased from 13.2p to 15p.

The profits increase was achieved despite the cost of cutting staff and reorganizing outdated working practices, in common with other independent TV companies. Thames included an extraordinary item of £3.99 million for redundancies, which had come from a drop of more than 10 per cent in staff, but there were further unspecified costs from reorganization.

The result will be savings of about £4 million a year, said Mr Richard Dunn, managing director. There would now be a "pause for breath," but he was not ruling out further cuts.

Thames saw a fall in its share of the country's advertising revenue, hit by competition from LWT, magazines and independent radio stations, Mr Dunn said. It had also seen some decline in its share of the capital's audience.

The company sold about £1 million-worth of *The Benny Hill Show* to the US, a figure almost halved from the previous year. Thames saw sharply higher profits in the second half from overseas sales. The push this year was behind its *Count Duckula* children's programme, the main feature of Thames' display at the Cannes TV festival.

Forthcoming is a drama series set in the financial community, *Capital City*.

The company has made much in the past of the "Astra alternative" whereby it might rely on satellite broadcasting if denied a new franchise after 1992. But Mr Dunn displayed some caution about the future of the satellite TV market.

"The advertisers would have to be expressing a lot more interest than they are at the moment in satellite, and the viewers at home would have to be expressing a lot more enthusiasm for subscriptions," he said. "The early signs for satellite in this country don't look too good."

None the less, by the end of next year Société Européenne des Satellites, the consortium in which Thames has 10 per cent, plans to put up a second 16-channel satellite to add to the Astra 1A launched last December. Tempus, page 26

Bank of Yokohama is surprise 146p-a-share buyer

Guinness Mahon fetches £94m

By Our City Staff

A new era has begun at Guinness Mahon, the small City merchant banking group, after the Bank of Yokohama – almost unknown in the Square Mile – launched an agreed £94.5 million takeover bid for the business.

The Japanese bank made its full offer, worth 146p a share, after winning an auction to buy the 60 per cent stake in Guinness Mahon which has been held by a banking consortium since Equiticorp, the previous holders, went into receivership.

Mr Geoffrey Bell, chairman of Guinness Mahon, last night said he was "absolutely delighted" at the sale. "This place has had a turbulent past but now we have an excellent shareholder who wants to keep the bank independent and make it grow. I believe that we can become the best bank around to handle Japanese-related business."

The bid, which is thought to be the first made by a Japanese bank in Britain, ends months of speculation over the future of Guinness Mahon. The banking syndicate which stepped in when Equiticorp, the New Zealand financial services group, floundered is understood to have received offers from a number of international investment groups before finally accepting the Japanese bid.

In the stock market, the shares finished unchanged at 142p. The Bank of England is understood to have given its blessing to the deal but there has been no reaction from the two other leading shareholders, Mr Robert Maxwell, who has a 14.9 per cent stake, and Lord Kissin, who speaks for 7 per cent.

The group's spread of investment activities in London offers an ideal springboard for the Bank of Yokohama to expand its business in Britain and Continental Europe. There are no plans to change the board of Guinness Mahon, where Mr Bell and Lord Douro, the deputy chairman, will remain in place. There will be three representatives from the Japanese bank on the board.

The Bank of Yokohama is the leading regional bank in Japan handling domestic corporate banking and other non-credit activities. In retail banking, it serves 4.5 million deposit accounts.

Last year, it earned pre-tax profits of £216 million on total revenue of £2.4 billion. Assets are worth £45 billion.

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Magnet team bows to buyout offer pressure

By Our City Staff

Magnet, the kitchens and joinery group, has been forced to bow to institutional pressure and increase the terms of the £630 million management buyout on offer to its convertible shareholders.

But the response from those shareholders who were not *prepared to accept the initial* offer remained cool, and the buyout could still be blocked.

The management is raising the cash element of the convertible offer by 5p, to 30p. Shareholders will also receive one new B convertible share and one replacement preference share.

In addition, Magnet has agreed an underwritten 90p full cash alternative for existing convertible holders, valuing the convertible offer at £66 million.

The 300p on offer for ordinary shareholders has already attracted acceptances from 71 per cent of the ordinary equity. But the *convertible offer is stranded at* about 38 per cent.

Bankers Trust, Magnet's financial adviser, concedes that both offers need acceptances from 90 per cent of each class of equity. But the rebels, led by Sun Life with 10.8 per cent of the convertibles, have been holding out for as much as 105p in cash.

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Job losses as Credit Suisse closes division

Credit Suisse Buckmaster Moore, the stockbroker, has shocked the market with its decision to cease making a market in equities (Michael Clark writes).

It is also closing its research and institutional sales force with an estimated loss of 70 jobs.

Credit Suisse Buckmaster Moore never established itself as a leading force in market-making but its departure highlights fears expressed by other dealers since the October 1987 crash that too many firms are chasing too little business.

Last night, a spokesman at Credit Suisse said the company would continue to trade in certain areas, including gold and options. These operations would be transferred to a newly-formed company, Credit Suisse First Boston UK.

SIB proposes 'buyer's guide' for financial intermediaries

By Maria Scott

The Securities and Investments Board is proposing that financial advisers be forced to present their clients with a "buyer's guide" to explain whether the advice given is independent or represents the view of a particular company.

The SIB's plan is among its proposals on the disclosure of commission and expenses in the sale of life insurance and unit trusts, published yesterday. The proposals arise from a consultative document issued by the SIB last December, which has resulted in widespread changes in the structure of investment advice services.

One of the main planks of December's consultative document was that independent advisers who select products from the range available on the market should be made to disclose the amount of commission they receive on the sale of life assurance or unit trusts. But the SIB proposed that the company representative would not have to do this.

Fears that this would provoke a rush of independent advisers into the arms of insurance companies to act as their tied agents have been realized, and the majority of leading building societies now act as sales outlets for life companies.

If the proposal is accepted, the guides – which the SIB hopes will ensure the distinction between the two types of advice is made clear – will have to be presented from October 1. It is envisaged that most advisers will have to use them, although the SIB has not made up its mind about accountants and solicitors.

The SIB is proposing that from next January clients should be provided with details of how much commission an independent intermediary is receiving. But this will not have to be supplied until after the sale is made, so it will be difficult for investors to take commission rates – now on the increase – into account when making a decision about which company to choose.

The intermediary's commission will be expressed as a proportion of premiums.

W&D toasts a rise to £13m and the MMC brewing report

No tears for village pub's last orders

By Cliff Feltham

It sounded like heresy coming from a brewer, but Mr David Thompson, aged 34, the managing director of one of Britain's leading regionals, Wolverhampton & Dudley, has admitted he would shed no tears for the closure of the village pub.

Mr Thompson, whose outspoken views have not always endeared him to his colleagues in the Brewers' Society, is angry at the campaign by the industry suggesting the village pub will die if Lord Young bites the bullet and implements the recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report.

"The real threat to the village pub has been people moving out of the area and professional people moving in who do not use the pub as often. If a pub is unprofitable then it should be shut," he said.

He believes more people are likely to be encouraged to run pubs if the iron grip of the leading brewers is slackened. Tenants, for instance, would be able to make a better living.

"The brewing industry as a whole seems to take a needlessly pessimistic and defensive view of its prospects. We trust that the Government is successful in creating a market less bound by the restrictions which limit growth opportunities for dedicated brewers."

As one of the better-run regional brewers – the company yesterday reported a 16.8 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits to £13.1 million – Wolverhampton & Dudley is more inclined to look to the breaking of the brewers' tie as an opportunity rather than a threat.

Mr Thompson has the chance to add 1,200 pubs to the company's 850-strong chain if the large brewers are forced to sell their outlets. The plan to introduce guest beers into pubs also means there is a chance of selling his own Banks's beer to 1,200 tenants within a 25-mile radius of the company's main brewery.

"Most of the main MMC proposals provide benefit for the consumer and also for Wolverhampton & Dudley," he said, adding that he still runs one of the most profitable brewing companies while charging some of the lowest prices – 71p a pint for Banks's Mild Ale and 76p a pint for Banks's Bitter.

During the first half of the year, Wolverhampton & Dudley boosted turnover, barrelage and profitability. A shift in demand, as drinkers switched from clubs to take advantage of the longer opening hours in pubs, led to a sharp rise in volume. It also meant the extra customers bought bar food, adding further to profits.

The interim dividend rises from 2.15p to 3.20p and the shares rose 8p to 421p.

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- Pre-tax profits up 136%
- Dividends up 55%
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RESULTS AT A GLANCE

	1989	1988
TURNOVER	£154.0 million	£122.8 million
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	£36.3 million	£15.4 million
EARNINGS PER SHARE	50.8p	27.5p
DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED	8.5p	5.5p

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Gloss fades on Westbury's figures

Profits at Westbury, the housebuilder, have been rising by an average of £5 million every six months for the past two years.

Yesterday's full-year figures came in £1.25 million above analysis' expectations at the interim stage – perhaps accounting for the 7p rise in the share price to 247p. But can that brisk rate of progress be sustained?

A number of special features have helped it to stand out even by the buoyant standards of the housebuilding sector.

Westbury concentrated on the first-time buyers' market, where demand was less prone to fluctuation. It operated along the South coast, in the Midlands and the South-west where sales were picking up most strongly. And it had a very long land bank with plots in the books at advantageously low prices.

These factors all contributed to last year's *tour de force*. Almost 60 per cent of the houses Westbury built in 1988-89 were terraced, but that did not stop the average price shifting up from £57,000 to £72,000 between the first and second halves.

And although the company detected the industry-wide slowdown in sales in the South-east and East Anglia, the bulk of its operations lie to the west and north of those areas where the levels of business remained reasonable.

Unfortunately, the ripple of lower prices and broken buying chains is spreading from the South-east, and Westbury has already found it necessary to respond by offering subsidized mortgages and other potentially expensive incentives.

While its 13,000-plot land bank would be sufficient for more than five years' building at recent rates, sales of land are likely to be a growing source of profits in the current year.

Even formerly bullish brokers are becoming sceptical.

CBIC Securities rated Westbury "outstandingly undervalued" at 210p as recently as January, but Mr Mark Hake, an analyst at CIBC, has cut his 1989-90 forecast by £1 million to £42.5 million since the figures, and on a prospective p/e ratio of 4½ at 247p, he does not see any rush to buy.

Readicut

Readicut, where Professor Roland Smith is chairman, has travelled a long way from its old image of fireside rug-making kits, and every inch of the journey has been in the right direction.

Once one of the weaker in the sector, Readicut weathered last year's storms in the textiles industry more smoothly than the industry leaders. Unlike Coats Viyella, Tootal and Courtaulds, it managed healthy growth in its latest financial year.

PHIL DODDS

Weathering storms: Roland Smith of Readicut yesterday

Part of its success formula has been to back its best businesses with heavy capital investment. And in the past year, profits have remained strong since they are far less exposed to the high street commodity end of the textiles business than most rivals.

In areas such as carpets, the main customers are in the automotive industry rather than in Wimpey's latest estate developments. And the group's US operations and its latest acquisition, the Dutch based Visscher Group, have not experienced problems arising from the squeeze on Britain's consumers or suffered so much from the rise of the dollar against sterling.

That said, profits of £18.7 million, up 27 per cent, were flattered by a six-month contribution from Visscher, whose purchase was financed by a £26 million rights issue.

Stripping out acquisitions suggests that there was underlying growth of about 12 per cent in the rest of the group. This may not be as spectacular as the pre-tax line suggests, but is a creditable performance compared with much of the industry.

Not surprisingly, the modest dilution implied by the terms of the Visscher deal held back earnings per share growth to a mere 6 per cent.

This year earnings growth will again lag the pre-tax gain even though the business is only 10 per cent directly exposed to the ferocious competition in the high street. Profits of about £21 million look likely, but forecasting is tougher than usual this year. On 8.3 times earnings, Readicut shares are worth a premium, but should not be chased until the economic prospects are clearer.

Thames Television

Thames Television pleased the market with a rise in pre-tax profits for the year to end-March from £27.8 million to £31 million, even after an exceptional cost of almost £4 million from reorganization and staff reductions – the total number working at this London contractor fell by more than 10 per cent.

Thames has taken all the provisions into the last financial year and there should be no further additional costs in the current one. The legacy of taking on the once-powerful television unions has been a £4 million-plus cost-saving each year.

Last autumn, Thames Television seemed to have taken its eye off the ball. It lost some of its share of the capital's audience to the BBC, while the strong competition for advertising revenue in the capital restricted its own increase last year to just 11.5 per cent, against an average for the industry of more than 14 per cent.

The signs since are that it has regained its edge, with an increase in its share of the target audience in the first quarter from 38 per cent to 42 per cent.

Assessing future profits from television companies this early in the year is, at best, an inexact science because of the volatility of their revenue and forthcoming changes in the industry make forecasts, at present, particularly difficult.

Thames Television, for example, will be tempted to pull as large a portion of production costs as possible into the current year because of forthcoming levy changes.

But with the cost savings achieved, £37 million before tax looks easy, putting the shares on a prospective multiple of exactly 10 at yesterday's price, which was 13p ahead at 484p. The price looks high enough for now, given the uncertainties overhanging the whole franchise system after 1992.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Advertising revenue fall hits Southnews

A fall in advertising revenue over Christmas and large losses from its South Coast titles, forced Southnews, the London and south-east newspaper publisher, to report flat pre-tax profits for the year to end-March of £2.83 million (2.81 million). Earnings fell 26 per cent to 12.4p due to a higher tax charge. The final dividend is 3.2p, making 4.8p for the year.

The company, which came to the Unlisted Securities Market a year ago, blamed the disappointing figures on a 40 per cent fall in advertising revenue in December. There had also been a two-month delay in the introduction of new technology at ten of its newspapers which had increased costs. The South Coast division, acquired in February 1988, slumped to losses in the face of tougher competition.

Irish Sugar up 39% to £7.4m

Profits at Irish Sugar increased 39 per cent to Ir£8.61 million (£7.4 million) for the six months to end-March, despite a Ir£4 million fall in sales to Ir£100 million. The company expected to maintain profits in the second half, but warned that competition was fierce, and there would be a Ir£10 million write-off for the closure of its sugar factory in Thurles, Co Tipperary.

Barings in US switch

Barings' Investment Management Group has exchanged its minority shareholding in Landauer Associates, the US property counselling firm, for 100 per cent ownership of that company's investment advisory subsidiary, now named Baring Institutional Realty Advisors (BIRA). BIRA manages a $750 million (£475 million) property portfolio.

Castings lifts to £3.4m

Castings, the ironfounder, raised pre-tax profits to £3.44 million in the year to March 31, against £2.74 million in the previous 12 months. The final dividend is 4.35p, making 6.10p, up from 5p. Turnover rose to £20.98 million (£17.63 million) and earnings per share to 24.51p (17.33p).

The company said the order book is satisfactory and, provided the increase in the inflation rate does not reduce demand, the prospects for next year are good. The foundries at Brownhills continued to produce at record levels and with the opening of the new foundry at Rotherham last September, the benefits of the extra capacity were being seen.

Green offers new shares

Green Property Company is inviting applications from shareholders and holders of existing loan stock to subscribe for new stock units. Applications for new ordinary shares at Ir£1.60 (£1.38) per share and new loan stock at Ir£1.35 per unit are on the basis of one share and one loan stock unit for every 5.61 shares or 8.41 loan stock units held on May 11.

Airflow roars past £3m

Airflow Streamlines, the motor components maker and Ford main dealer, has continued its improvement by increasing its pre-tax profits to £3.39 million in the year to February 28 from £2.57 million. Turnover expanded from £49.4 million to £58.8 million. The final dividend of 4p raises the total to 6p, a 1p increase. Earnings per share were 24.93p, against 18.54p.

Alba backs Network

Alba, the television and audio supplier, is backing Network One, a new company set up by a group including Mr Desmond Wilcox, the television producer and Mr Chris Palin, formerly of Virgin Television.

Network One will provide studio and post-production facilities to independent producers and has bought a television studio in Gillingham, Kent, from TVS Entertainment. Alba is paying £950,000 for a 40 per cent stake and will be represented on the board by two directors, one of them Mr Bill Cotton, formerly managing director of BBC TV.

Clark urges firms to increase trade in Latin America

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, yesterday appealed to industry to look beyond the bad news that so often dominates the British view of Latin America and to make a serious attempt to assess the region's real trade potential.

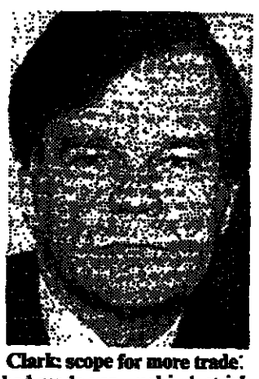
At a London conference on trade and investment in Latin America, he said Britain's share of the region's trade was much lower than many of its competitors', including other West European economies.

British exports to the whole of Latin America last year totalled only £1.1 billion, about the same as to India. British investment is also lower in South America than in other parts of the world.

The latest figures, for 1984, put Britain's direct investment in the region at £1.9 billion, or 2.5 per cent of total direct investment overseas.

Mr Clark acknowleged there had been some additional investment since, but pointed out that re-investment of profits accounted for more than half the increase.

He underlined that for all the reports focusing on debt problems and political instability, Latin American countries had made very real industrial and technological progress and ranked among the better-off in the developing world.



Clark: scope for more trade

Brazil, he said, was held to be the eighth largest industrial economy in the world, with an electronics industry among the top 10. Chile deserved special mention as the most stable economy in Latin America, with more than four years of growth and an ambitious privatization programme.

Mr Clark said there were many British companies which traded successfully with Latin America, but "there is much scope for an increase in the levels of bilateral trade."

UK seeks simpler EC data collection

By Our City Staff

The Government has invited industry to submit its views by the end of next month on what sort of Customs procedures it would like to see in the European Community after the creation of the single European market.

A consultative document has been sent to companies involved in trade within the European Community which focuses attention on the cost to companies of providing detailed information foreseen in proposals by the European Commission.

Though the document, which seeks responses by the end of next month, makes no direct criticism of Brussels' proposal for a revised system of collecting trade data, officials at the Department of Trade and Industry make it clear that the Government is concerned that the new EC-wide rules after 1992 could be unnecessarily elaborate. The Government's main ambition is to ensure that whatever succeeds the present system for collecting trade data will be simpler and more economical, in line with its general philosophy of freeing trade within the EC.

By consulting traders, the Government hopes to prepare itself better to argue its case for a less complicated system of data collection, while recognizing that the decisions will be made in the EC councils by qualified majority.

It is feared that the EC may make it mandatory for traders to supply much more detailed information on exports and imports than Britain thinks necessary and Britain would like to see the *Single Administrative Document* – which was introduced throughout the EC in January, 1988 – simplified too.

Autumn target set for $1bn Euro Disneyland flotation

From George Sivell, Orlando, Florida

The $1 billion (£640 million) offering of shares in the Euro Disneyland complex to be built outside Paris, delayed from late spring, is now intended to go ahead in the autumn.

Shares in the 5,000-acre theme park, hotel, restaurant, shopping and sports complex, which will be one fifth the size of the city of Paris, are to be offered to European small investors and institutions.

But the project does not depend for success on the pan European share offer. More than £800 million of bank financing is already in place for the first phase of the complex, and profits from this will be used to finance later developments.

The share offer has arisen because the French Government insists that Disney own less than half the project.

If market conditions, or European bureaucracy, ruled out a stock market flotation, a number of financial institutions would be drafted in to dilute the Walt Disney Company holding to less than 50 per cent.

The money has gone into a financing vehicle, Euro Disneyland SNC, which will lease the Magic Kingdom theme park to Euro Disneyland SNA for 20 years from the 1992 opening date.

Euro Disneyland has selected a site 20 miles east of Paris near a loop in the River Marne and fits in with French plans to encourage business in the area.

It will dwarf the towns of Magny, Bailly Romanvilliers, Serris and Chessey. There will be a new metro link and a road link will be built from the main A4 autoroute.

At the heart of the development will be the now traditional Disney Magic Kingdom with a turn-of-the-century American entrance. But a Euro-style Fantasyland with scenery reminiscent of continental fairy tales is planned, and the futuristic Discoveryland has been inspired by Jules Verne, the French novelist.

Later developments will include business and industrial parks.

The first Disney theme park, the Californian Disneyland, opened by Walt Disney himself in 1955, soon found itself hemmed in by hotel and leisure developments limiting Disney's scope for expansion.

In 1971 Disney opened Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, in the middle of a swamp. It immediately became one of the leading holiday destinations in the world with 11 million visitors in its first year.

The Paris Disney is intended to build on the Orlando idea with similar physical restrictions placed on "parasite" developers.

Market research points to a big success for Paris. The 350 million population of Western Europe far exceeds the 240 million US population that keeps both US Disney parks going.

It is estimated that 65 per cent of the French want to visit the Euro Disneyland.

Victory for Labour on accounting amendment

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Labour defeated the Government in the committee stage of the Companies Bill yesterday in a move designed to increase the accountability of large firms.

A Government amendment to the bill proposed that if companies departed from standard accounting practices the "particulars" of these departures should be included in their accounts.

But, by eight votes to six, the committee backed an alternative Labour amendment, which says companies should have to list not only the "particulars" but also the reasons for the departures and the financial effects.

Mr Tim Smith, Conservative MP for Beaconsfield, and Mr Anthony Nelson, Conservative MP for Chichester, both supported the Labour amendment which was moved by Mr John Garrett, an Opposition trade and industry spokesman.

Mr Garrett said: "Our amendment gives greater force to accounting standards and forms part of Labour's strategy to increase the accountability of companies to shareholders, employees and the wider public. This is an important defeat for the Government."

The amendment is similiar to the recommendation in the Dearing Report on accounting practices made this year.

Mr Francis Maude, the Corporate Affairs Minister, must now decide whether to try to overturn the amendment when the bill returns to the House of Commons for its report stage.

The committee's Tory majority has already overturned a Lords' amendment which would have given shareholders the right to vote on company donations to political parties.

Property sales boost for Young

By Martin Waller

Gains from the sale of properties helped Young & Co's Brewery, the South London brewer, recover from disappointing half-way figures to a full-year pre-tax profit of £4.62 million, a 29 per cent rise.

The half-time advance had been a mere 12 per cent due to poor weather last summer.

The full-time results to end-March include property gains of about £800,000, up from £126,000 last time. The company is paying a 5.5p final dividend, making a 10.2p total, an increase of 1p.

The company said the disposal programme – as employees move out of property owned by the brewery – was set to continue, but not at such a rate.

Mr John Young, chairman and chief executive, said: "The performance in our pubs on the retail side, which has increased trading profits by 12 per cent, shows that the claim by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission that the brewing industry makes money out of brewing rather than retail is completely untrue."

Sales were flat, showing an increase of 7 per cent to £45.9 million. The profits rise had, therefore, come from good housekeeping and greater efficiency, he added.

The current financial year should see a first – albeit small – contribution from investments made in the new hotels and catering division. Rebuilding work at its Bridge Hotel, Greenford, west London, has just started.

Whitbread's £21m deal

Samuel Whitbread: £100m European Pizza Hut agreement to follow the Australian move

Whitbread, the brewer, has acquired a leading Australian restaurant chain and agreed to open hundreds of pizza parlours across Northern Europe (Colin Narbrough writes).

The company is paying Ansett Transport Industries £21 million in cash for 13 prime-site restaurants and four development sites centred round Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane on Australia's eastern seaboard.

The deal, subject to approval from the Australian Foreign Investment Review Board, forms part of Whitbread's plan to open 70 restaurants in Australia. Mr Tim Thwaites, chairman of Whitbread's retail division, said that six years ago the company identified Canada, Continental Europe and Australia as areas in which to expand its retail business.

He said the move into the Australian market followed its success in building up a company in West Germany and producing strong profits from its Keg Restaurant chain in Canada. Mr Colin Stacey, a regional director with Whitbread's Beefeater Steak Houses, will be chief executive of the Australian operation.

Under franchise from Pepsico Food Service International, Whitbread, headed by Mr Samuel Whitbread, expects to open 400 Pizza Hut restaurants in France, Belgium and Holland over the next 10 to 15 years at a total cost of £100 million.

Pizza Hut UK, which has 170 full-service restaurants and 15 home-delivery units in Britain, has become market leader and trebled its profits on the past two years.

An agreement covering France was signed yesterday. Negotiations on a Belgian joint venture with GB Inno and the formation of a new Dutch company are at an advanced stage.

Mr Stewart Miller has been appointed chief executive of Pizza Hut UK.

Estates ahead

Estates and Agency Holdings's final dividend is 3p, making 5p (3p) for 1988. Gross rental income was £2.89 million (£1.97 million) with pre-tax profits of £722,000 (£663,000).

J Smart rises

J Smart (Contractors) made £1.79 million (£1.12 million) pre-tax at half time. The interim payout is 1.75p (1.6p) with earnings at 11.54p (7.22p).

Film payout

British & American Film Holdings' final 1988 dividend is 5.05p (4.5p), making 7.425p (6.25p). Pre-tax profits were £714,790 (£620,157).

COMMENT

Trade figures neither best nor worst of news

Over the hump but not out of the wood is probably the mix of metaphors which best describes UK plc after the trade figures. At £1.66 billion the current account deficit was a little worse than the average of City expectations, but not disastrously so. This explains the timing of the base rate increase. The Chancellor could not expect the figures to relieve the pressure on the pound; but nor are they bad enough to frighten the market sufficiently into demanding another dose.

The figures are better than they look. About £100 million of the £480 million deterioration is accounted for by swings in erratic items like ships. Oil output is low because of the accidents in the North Sea, some of which will be rectified by the time of the next set of figures. And anticipation of a dock strike may have caused some build-up of imports.

For all that, the figures can hardly be described as reassuring. During the first four months of the year the trade gap has been running at an annual rate of £18 billion. Granted that the slowdown in consumer demand may begin to narrow the gap later in the year, there is little sign yet of any improvement.

The volume of imports may be slowing down, with a rise in the three months to April, excluding oil and erratic items, of only 0.9 per cent when compared with the previous three months. This is well down on the September figure of 5.3 per cent or the March figure of 2.6 per cent.

But the underlying trend in exports is more uncertain this month than last. Export volume on the same basis was up 1.5 per cent compared with 3.2 per cent in February and 5.9 per cent in March.

The market was not over-impressed and sterling ended the day down 0.67 pfennnigs at DM3.1519, after the Bank of England entered the market to prop upthe currency. However, the dollar weakened, and the pound's effective value was unchanged at 93.1.

Much now depends on events overseas, and how the economy seems to develop in the next few weeks. If the impression continues to build that inflation is not yet under control, and rates rise oveseas, we could see a return of pressure on sterling. Equally, a succession of favourable indicators could see sentiment turn dramatically. Mr Lawson's policy is still on probation.

Not quite a Trojan Horse

If it proves nothing else, the Bank of Yokohama's bid for Guinness Mahon shows once again that London's financial market is open to all comers and rather easier for foreigners to enter than Tokyo.

But it is far too early to regard the deal as the Trojan horse by which the might of Japan's financial institutions begin to make substantial inroads into domestic and European banking business.

The Bank of Yokohama already has an office in London representing its principal European operation. And though it has considerable potential as a syndicate leader for Japan's 64 regional banks it is not obvious to see how its Euromarket operations are enhanced by ownership of Guinness Mahon.

The one thing which GM can do that the Bank of Yokohama's London office would find difficult is to use its capital for expansion into other areas of financial services and banking operations.

But, for the moment, the banking business is awash with capital looking for a safe and profitable home. As the TSB has already shown, capital cannot even be rapidly deployed in fast-growing parts of the business, such as retail banking. The home loans business has dried up as a ready source of easy asset growth, and matters will not be aided by the arrival on the market of Abbey National in its new plc guise.

Given the Bank of Yokohama's overseas presence and the size of GM, it looks unlikely that the new partnership will have any international pretensions, except as a niche player in specialist markets, for a while to come.

But access to an abundant supply of capital and the support of a powerful shareholder is, however, a happy solution to the recent troubles of Guinness Mahon, which began with the arrival of the now defunct New Zealand group Equitycorp.

Questions at Magnet

The £630 million Magnet buyout looks like clambering over its final hurdle after the revised offer for the DIY group's convertible preference shares.

The unease of many institutions over the deal has resolved itself into a demand for more cash and a listing for the replacement preference shares to be issued by Magnet's chairman Mr Tom Duxbury and his backers. But the question marks remain over the use of a buyout in Magnet's case.

Most professionals would have preferred the management to remain in place and enhance shareholders' value by developing the business along jointly agreed lines. Second guessing the senior management about the long-term value of the business, as shareholders have been forced to do, is not a comfortable experience. Nor are the obvious conflicts of interest created when a handful of managers decide to purchase the business from the shareholders.

For Magnet shareholders though, the real pain will arise if Mr Duxbury and his colleagues are eventually seen to have dealt at a bargain price.

Dobson Park slips 1%

By Our City Staff

Dobson Park Industries, the mining equipment and toy typewriter manufacturer, has reported a 1 per cent fall in profits to £9.06 million for the half year to April 1, on turnover up 3 per cent at £115 million. Earnings per share edged up to 5.89p (5.76p) and the interim dividend is maintained at 1.9p.

Dobson's problem is its dependence on mining equipment and the virtually unchanged trading profits from this division of £4.09 million (£4.07 million) concealed a period of great upheaval. British Coal's spending on roof supports – Dobson's traditional product – has halved and the company has responded by buying MS International's armoured face conveyor business, having picked up FSW, the belt conveyor maker, from Booker.

There was better news from its US industrial electronics business where profits rose from £1.68 million to £3.16 million. Toys and plastics chipped in £861,000 (£545,000), but the contribution from property fell to £138,000 (£1.07 million).

Nash soars on placing

By Our City Staff

Shares in Nash Industries, the packaging and engineering company, jumped 60p to 203p yesterday after Mr John Nash, its founder and one-time chairman, placed his 2.3 million shares in the company.

The move follows his dispute with the company a year ago over its plans, which culminated in his resignation.

The company is to change its name to Grovewood Securities and is buying a £2 million property portfolio from Mr David Holland, former chairman of Randsworth Trust. After the placing and the acquisition, Mr Holland will become the company's chairman.

The upheavals at Nash last year culminated in an extraordinary meeting, where Mr Nash's proposal for a reverse takeover by Wiseoak, the unquoted property company, were rejected in favour of the acquisition of two packaging companies. After the latest sale, Mr Nash will have only 300,000 shares.

The commercial property is being bought for shares at 200p each, pending an independent valuation.

Bailiffs take a back seat

Any significant increase in the share price of Rockwood Holdings, the international freight forwarding and distribution company, might be because the bailiffs have moved in. Into the company's shares, that is. For, just as Tom Forrest, the company's normally good-humoured chairman, was about to set off in a coach with a party of institutional investors and analysts from his head office in London's Brompton Road on Wednesday evening, the bailiffs arrived – and attempted to repossess the coach. Claiming that the coach company from which it had been hired owed their clients money, they were, however, eventually persuaded to allow the trip – to show off the Rockwood depots in Enfield, Middlesex, and at Heathrow airport – to go ahead, provided they could also go along. "I suppose it was quite funny," admits Forrest. "It certainly broke the ice with all our guests. We ended up with two bailiffs travelling with us in the coach and another two following in a car behind." They declined an invitation to tour the depots, but Forrest says that by the end of the trip they were nevertheless "enthused by it all, and are now likely to be serious buyers of Rockwood stock." Those fund managers and analysts due to make a similar tour with Rockwood next Wednesday will be reassured to know that Forrest will be using a different coach company.

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Maxwell foots the bill

Publisher Robert Maxwell clearly thinks that the feet of the members of the Washington establishment are much cleaner than those of New York's rich and powerful. At a lavish party last night on the Lady Ghislaine, his 180 foot, gleaming white yacht, he made the great concession of allowing his guests – who included the British Ambassador, Sir Antony Acland, and Frank Carlucci, former US defence secretary – to keep their shoes on while wining and dining. When he threw a similar bash in New York, everyone was required to remove their shoes before being allowed aboard.

Tooth Polish

Gervase Hulbert, aged 47, chairman of the international division of City firm Moore Stephens, has pipped the bigger accountancy firms to the post, by opening the first accountancy outpost in Poland. The Warsaw office will eventually be staffed by four permanent employees, with others visiting on a consultancy basis. "The idea behind it is to enable Polish companies to start trading meaningfully with the West, and vice versa," Hulbert explains. However, he tells me that he has yet to develop a taste for Polish toothpaste. On one of his many recent trips to Warsaw, his luggage, containing all his toiletries, went on to Moscow by mistake and he was left to attend a series of important meetings in the flannels and tweed coat in which he had arrived. "I managed to procure a Russian razor, some Polish blades and Polish toothpaste," he says. "They all worked, but the toothpaste was pretty strong."

● There was, I am told, a stunned silence on the 8.30am London train from Battersea Park to Victoria yesterday when sweltering commuters, peering out of their carriage windows, spotted Thames Water employees carefully watering the lawns and gardens at the company's plant just north of the Thames. So much for those warnings about conserving water . . .

Advance warning

The £513 million link-up announced on Wednesday between Carlton Communications, Michael Green's television services empire, and UEI, the high-tech engineer, could not have come at a worse time for one analyst. Keith Woolcock at CIBC Grenfell & Colegrave had just had an investment note on UEI printed, ready to post, when the news came in and the circular had to be torn up. For the record, though, it started: "The penny has finally dropped. Now most analysts and journalists in the City are talking about Carlton and UEI in the same breath." Woolcock, however, is not claiming any startling prescience about the merger. He has, he says, long claimed that UEI was in effect "a Carlton for the 1990s," in a similar range of businesses, but with a much lower profile and much more cheaply rated. He even once aroused the anger of Green himself by referring to Carlton no fewer than 38 times in a note on UEI.

Tall storey

Bigger and better, once again. A 125-storey skyscraper, which will tower over the 110-storey Sears tower – currently the world's tallest building – is to be built in Chicago. Miglin-Beitler Developments, a US office developer, plans to begin construction in December. The 1,915 foot building will have 1.2 million square feet of office space, 10 storeys of parking and a two-storey health club.

Carol Leonard

Botswana mine set for London listing

From Colin Campbell, Francistown, Botswana

A new mining exploration company with British and Continental backing is headed for a London Stock Exchange listing this year.

Francistown Mining & Explorations is registered in Jersey, and operates through its wholly-owned subsidiary Tati Nickel Mining Company in Botswana.

The company is primarily concerned with the production of nickel and copper – the demand for both of which is dependent on the health of world economies. London stockbroker Strauss Turnbull will be responsible for the London quote.

Francistown Mining will come to the stock market virtually debt-free and with a solid list of shareholders, including M&G Group, Lundin Group – the Swedish-Swiss ultimate parent of theLondon-traded International Petroleum Corporation – MIM Britannia, Henderson Administration and Hambros.

The potential market capitalization of the new float could be around US$40 million (£25.5 million) – which would suggest a prospective price/earnings ratio of around eight.

Because of its contracted smelting and marketing arrangements and its steady income stream, Francistown is thought to be already making a respectable profit, and could well be declaring dividends to shareholders by as early as its 1990 financial year, ending in December.

The asset base making up the nickel-copper interest of Francistown Mining is two separate deposits within one extensive concession area of Botswana, over which a 25 year mining lease has been granted – the Selkirk section, 15 miles east of Francistown, Botswana's second largest town, and the Phoenix section, which is itself five miles north of Selkirk.

Historically, the concession area is one over which a number of big mining groups, including Anglo-American and RTZ, have mulled. However, where the great declined to tread smaller interests have set their feet and production from the Selkirk deposit started last January.

RTZ undertook an expensive examination of the area in 1985, and at one point held a three-month option to take up a 30 per cent stake in Francistown Mining for US$5 million. In the event, RTZ passed up its option, if only because in RTZ terms the deposit, although economically exciting, was too small for it.

But Strauss Turnbull, which conceived the idea of Francistown Mining in the early 1980s, never lost faith in its venture.

If not RTZ, or one of the other major mining houses, then other partners would be found.

This week, the dream that is Francistown Mining was realized, when the Selkirk section was officially opened. The section has mineable reserves of up to 1.2 million tonnes, grading 2.4 percent nickel and 1.5 percent copper. Its life is estimated at 15 years.

The Phoenix section requires more geological and development work, but even without it, Francistown Mining is making a profit.

The entire low-cost deposit is thought to contain more than 20,000 tonnes of nickel and 12,000 tonnes of copper.

Selkirk, with a cash operating cost of US$1.50 per pound of nickel, compared with a current world spot nickel price of US$5.65 per pound, is now one of the lowest-cost producers in the world. Income from copper comes as the cherry on the top.

Through Tati Nickel, Francistown Mining, has entered into a management and operating contract with BCL and a marketing agreement for at least 10 years with the Swiss Centametall Group.

Taunton plans £7m sales drive

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Taunton Cider Company, the fastest growing cider maker which has 30 per cent of the market, is to spend £7 million on promoting its products over 12 months.

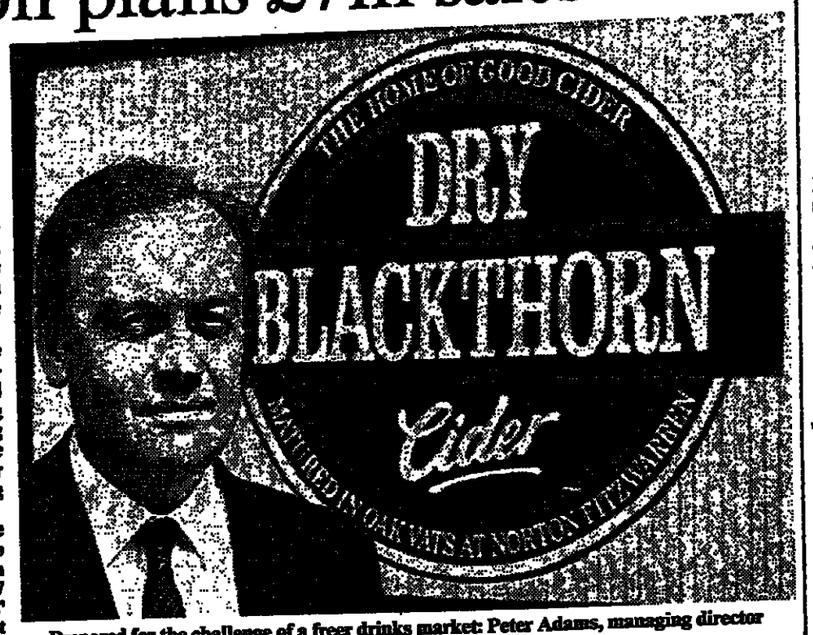
The drive, which will include new product launches, comes as it fights to move ahead in an industry which saw a 4 per cent sales decline last year.

But the problems of the cider market, hit by the imposition of extra duty in 1984 and then by the surging popularity of lager among younger drinkers, are not the only ones to trouble Mr Peter Adams, Taunton's managing director.

There are now inevitable questions over the ownership structure of Taunton, which belongs to a consortium of 17 brewers. Bass and Elders' Courage each has a 40 per cent stake, Scottish & Newcastle 10 per cent, with the rest spread among smaller brewers.

The consortium makes sense while brewers have their tied pubs offering distribution channels for brewery-chosen products but in the wake of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report the industry could face a shake up.

Mr Adams says such vertical integration was needed to develop the draught cider market, which has been the engine of cider growth since 1978. Eighty per cent of pubs now have draught cider but with cider overall accounting for 4 per cent of the combined beer and cider market the comparatively small volumes mean deliveries are practical only by "piggy-backing" on brewers' main services.



Prepared for the challenge of a freer drinks market: Peter Adams, managing director

Mr Adams says he is very happy with the consortium as it is but added: "With our brands we are well prepared for a freer market."

Inevitably, however, there is speculation that if the pub ownership scene changes radically at least some consortium members will pull out. An option then would seem to be at least a partial management buyout, but Mr Adams would not comment on that.

A freer drinks market will put a premium on brand strengths – adding to the logic of Taunton's new drive for more market share.

New products this year include two versions of the Dry Blackthorn flagship brand, one a low alcohol version, Diamond Blush aimed at younger women and Red Rock draught, a premium cider.

Taunton makes the Piermont apple juice with spring water and is now moving into the distribution of Highland Spring mineral water to the licensed trade as well as a range of fruit and vegetable juices.

It is fighting for sales against HP Bulmer, the Hereford market leader in cider with about 45 per cent share, down from more than 50 per cent in 1980. Coates Gaymer, the third largest cider maker with a share approaching 20 per cent, belongs to Allied-Lyons.

Debenhams to open in city centre complex

By Robert Rodwell

Debenhams, the department store arm of Sir Ralph Halpern's Burton Group, is to open a 90,000 sq ft store in the centre of Belfast.

Mr Graham White, managing director, yesterday confirmed that Debenhams is to become the "anchor tenant" for Belfast's biggest commercial development – John Laing's £70 million shops, offices and car parking complex now nearing completion beside Royal Avenue.

The Castle Court development, with a total of 325,000 sq ft of retailing space and parking for 1,600 vehicles, is to open next spring.

The store will be Debenhams' first venture in Northern Ireland where Burton already trades and the chain will join other leading retailers such as Marks and Spencer, Boots, Littlewoods and BHS in fighting for a slice of Belfast's booming retail trade.

Debenhams' announcement came within 48 hours of Brands, a family-owned department store, saying it was to close with the loss of more than 100 jobs, after more than a century of trading in the city centre. The closure seems another case of small independents being the real casualties in the battle between the big retailers.

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24 May, 1989

Most areas of the Group's businesses have traded very satisfactorily in the current financial year. The Cereals and Bakery divisions were considerably ahead of the comparable period last year and the Grocery division also traded ahead of last year's result. Manor Foods produced satisfactory profits and the Foodservices division traded well. Excellent profits were recorded by the Overseas division.
The Board has decided not to proceed with the offer for Goodman Fielder Wattie Limited – reasons have been communicated separately to shareholders.

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Oil and chemical industries call for 5% valuation rate

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Associations representing the chemical and oil industries, Britain's largest export earners, are urging the Government to set the decapitalization rate – the system used for rating purposes to value large industrial concerns – at 5 per cent.

The Government has agreed there should be a common rate for England, Scotland and Wales, a move welcomed by the Chemical Industries Association and the UK Petroleum Industry Association.

But they are concerned that a decapitalization rate of about 7 per cent is being considered.

The two associations have argued that any increase in the level of valuations, and therefore of rates, in England and Wales would put their industries at a disadvantage to manufacturers elsewhere in the EC.

They believe this is already the case in Scotland, where higher rates of decapitalization are in force.

The two associations, which contributed £2 billion to Britain's trade balance last year, are concerned that if the rate is set at the level believed to be under consideration by the Government, rating bills would be between 20 and 40 per cent higher than the industries believe appropriate.

Mr John Cox, director-general of the CIA, said: "None of the evidence in the Government consultation paper has demonstrated that our original proposal was wrong.

"A rate of 6 or 7 per cent would add considerably to the cost burdens on chemical companies and would pose a threat to their competitiveness at a time of increasing competition within Europe, especially with the advent of 1992.

"It would put at risk the export earnings potential of industries which make a positive contribution to the country's trade."

First City will bid for MCorp banks

Dallas – Mr Robert Abboud, chairman and chief executive of the First City Bancorporation of Texas, has confirmed it will make an offer for the 20 banks that federal regulators seized in March from MCorp, another Texas banking company.

First City, with $12 billion (£7.7 billion) in assets, was recapitalized a year ago with nearly $1 billion in federal aid and $500 million from a group of private investors headed by Mr Abboud.

He said after the company's annual meeting that it had been bombarded by investors interested in backing a bid First City plans to make for the 20 banks. Now called the Deposit Insurance Bridge Bank, the 20-bank network has $13 billion in assets.

Mr Abboud said the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp, which operates the former Mcorp banks, had asked First City also to consider making a bid for Texas American Bancshares, of Fort Worth, and National Bancshares, of San Antonio, with a combined $8 billion in total assets.

The deadline for offers on the former Mcorp banks is next Wednesday. Several com-panies are expected to bid. (New York Times)

Ranger on N Sea acquisitions trail

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Ranger Oil, the first to break the British Gas stranglehold on North Sea gas contracts, is to "aggressively" seek further North Sea acquisitions.

The announcement of the Canadian independent's intentions to buy follows its sale of the entire output of a small North Sea field to PowerGen, the smaller of the two companies to be created from the Central Electricity Generating Board after privatization.

The sale was one of the first indications that the privatization of electricity offered new sales opportunities for companies with undeveloped North Sea gas assets.

Ranger is now a partner in the consortium, including PowerGen, which will generate power from the Norfolk coast field. Other companies may make similar moves now British Gas is no longer able to insist on taking 100 per cent of the output from new North Sea gas fields.

Mr Jack Pierce, Ranger's chairman, said: "We are going to aggressively pursue acquisitions. We can handle a $500 million (£312 million) acquisition."

Investor awarded $3m

An investor has won a $3.1 million (£1.99 million) judgement against Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. and a former broker with the firm for allegedly manipulating her securities account to generate commissions and making risky investments.

Securities industry officials said they believed it was the largest such award ever to an individual.

Under the arbitration panel's decision, Mrs Nancy Cooper, of Atlanta, Georgia, would be paid $2.1 million by Shearson for breach of fiduciary duty and failure to supervise. Mr D. Elliot Dahle Jr, broker for the account when he was at Shearson, would pay her $1 million for breach of fiduciary duty.

Shearson said it would appeal against the decision. Mr Dahle could not be reached for comment. (New York Times)

Hartwell pays £30m for two car retailers

By Neil Bennett

Hartwell is buying the retail motor business of Mercantile Credit, Barclays Bank's motor and aerospace leasing subsidiary, for £30.2 million. The car dealer and fuel oil distributor is funding the acquisition with the issue of 35 million preference shares, to raise £33.5 million, after expenses.

The news comes a day after the company's results for the year ending February, which showed pre-tax profits up 7 per cent to £10.4 million. The company was prevented from announcing the news before by a last-minute legal bitch.

Mr Peter Huggins, Hartwell's chairman, said the deal will create the third largest retail motor chain in the country with combined sales of 72,000 new and used cars a year and turnover of £700 million. The company is buying both the Charles Clark Group, a Midlands chain of retail dealers with Austin Rover, Vauxhall, BMW and Mercedes franchises, and the Ford & Slater group, a commercial vehicle dealer and contract hire firm.

Combined profits of the two companies last year were £5.2 million, after accounting for interest-free loans from Mercantile, while net assets were £13.8 million. Hartwell has also agreed to take on £45.5 million in debt with the acquisition, principally for funding its 800-strong fleet of contract hire trucks. This will raise Hartwell's net debt from 24 to 60 per cent of shareholders' funds. The new preference shares will be offered to shareholders on a four-for-nine basis. The extra money will go towards repaying debt.

The sale rids Mercantile of the bulk of its retail motor business. It is retaining Dial and Camden, its contract hire companies, and Guy Salmon, the car rental business. Mr Tom Clark, a Mercantile director, said: "We didn't feel we could build a national group and the resources were better directed at our core business."

The deal comes at a time when the motor trade faces an uncertain future because of high interest rates. Mr Peter Barrett, the finance director, said a reason for issuing preference instead of ordinary shares was the 18.1 per cent hostile stake built by Sheikh Jameel, the Saudi Arabian motor dealer.

SIT raises income to £5.79m

The Scottish Investment Trust reported pre-tax income of £5.79 million for the six months to end-April against £4.21 million previously, and is raising the interim dividend from 1p a share to 1.15p. Net asset value is up from 166.5p a share to 185.8p.

Last month the company raised £25 million through a debenture issue, and says this is an appropriate time to increase borrowings, with long-term rates looking attractive. Good opportunities to invest in UK equities are likely in the months ahead, increasing gearing.

Rentokil buy

Rentokil Group has acquired Roots Indoor Plant Hire from G&B Industrial Services, to consolidate the group's position as the leading tropical plant rental and maintenance company. The cost of the acquisition is less than 1 per cent of the group's net tangible assets.

Bid extended

Haden MacLellan Holdings, the engineering company run by Mr Philip Ling, has received acceptances from 64.9 per cent of the share capital of WA Holdings, the plastics and rubber group, in respect of its agreed £20 million offer. Haden has not yet declared the offer unconditional and has extended it until June 7.

Currency gains offset losses of £12m at Bond Brewing division

From Danielle Robinson
Sydney

Bond Brewing Holdings Limited (BBH), the Bond Corporation subsidiary which owns the group's breweries in Queensland, New South Wales and West Australia, made a loss of Aus$25.9 million (£12 million) on trading for the year to June 30, 1988.

According to the annual report, which has been lodged with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, BBH recorded a profit of Aus$78.21 million for the year, but only after taking into account unrealized foreign exchange gains of Aus$104.1 million.

In addition, Bond's US brewer, G Heileman Brewing Company, acquired in October 1987 for US$1.3 billion (£812 million) incurred a loss, on US accounting principles, of Aus$100.9 million in the eight months to June 1988.

Bond: seeking waiver

After interest charges, BBH earned Aus$11.8 million in 1984, Aus$9.2 million in 1985, Aus$6.5 million in 1986 and Aus$19.3 million in 1987 — a total of Aus$37.8 million.

BBH's interest bill in the same period rose from Aus$19 million in 1984 to Aus$36.1 million in 1985, to Aus$143.8 million in 1986, peaking at Aus$307.8 million in 1987 and dropping to Aus$227.4 million in 1988.

Bond Corp meanwhile has failed to win a waiver from the Australian Stock Exchange on obtaining a second independent report of the planned Aus$3.5 billion sale of its worldwide brewing assets to its associate Bell Resources. The sale would seek to reduce its estimated Aus$7.3 billion total debt burden.

Mr Jim Perry, vice-chairman of the Exchange's National Listing Committee, said in Sydney yesterday the committee had considered Bond's request and decided that exchange rules requiring two reports would be maintained.

Bond Corp has already asked Whitlam Turnbull and Co, the Sydney investment bank, to prepare an independent report for Bell shareholders on whether the sale is in shareholders' interests. The second report is required for Bond shareholders. Bond Corp, led by Mr Alan Bond, said last week it would seek a Stock Exchange waiver of the need for this additional report.

Mr Peter Beckwith, Bond Corp's managing director, said yesterday he was unable to comment as the matter was being handled by lawyers.

Whitlam Turnbull's report is expected in about three weeks, with the Bell shareholders' meeting due no sooner than the end of June.

Bond plans to reduce its 58 per cent stake in Bell to no more than 50 per cent, so that Bell is no longer deemed an associate and Bond Corp can then take the Aus$2.3 billion worth of brewing asset debts off its balance sheet.

● Bond Media Limited has raised Aus$18 million by selling a regional TV station.

Egyptian awaits insider verdict

Stockholm (AP) — Mr Refaat El-Sayed, an Egyptian immigrant who built and lost a business empire in Sweden, was ordered to be detained yesterday pending a verdict on charges of insider trading and fraud.

The prosecutor, Mr Hans Lindberg, summing up at the end of the three-month trial, asked for a minimum sentence of five years, and a detention order, which was agreed, to prevent Mr El-Sayed fleeing the country. The verdict could take until the end of July.

Mr El-Sayed became a popular figure when he bought Fermenta, a loss-making fermentation plant, in 1981 and turned it into the base of his financial empire. But the empire began to crumble when he was discovered to have lied about his academic credentials, and his management came under close scrutiny.

Charges against Mr El-Sayed included defrauding creditors and selling off shares before the publication of a negative report on his company. He denied all charges.

Mr El-Sayed was declared bankrupt in 1987 when Fermenta's shares became worthless and he was ousted from the company.

BA 'will not be hit by dollar's rise'

New York (Reuter) — British Airways will not be hurt by the dollar's rise because it manages its exposure to the dollar and other currencies, officials said in New York.

Mr Derek Stevens told analysts the company hedges against fluctuating foreign exchange rates. British Airways shares have dropped because of concern that the rising dollar will hurt the company's results.

Sir Colin Marshall, the chief executive, declined to predict the outcome of the airline's "preliminary" talks with Sabena, the Belgian national airline, about some form of alliance. But he added: "One thing for certain is it will not be a takeover."

He said cross-border airline mergers in Europe were a number of years away. He said passenger traffic this month, like last, would probably rise about 10 per cent against the level a year ago but that rate of growth would not continue through the summer.

Sir Colin said capacity growth would be restrained partly because of delays in deliveries of new Boeing 747 jetliners. British Airways would receive only two 747-400 airliners this summer instead of five and expected capacity would grow 3 per cent rather than 6 per cent as planned.

Boeing has missed promised delivery dates for the 747s and Sir Colin said he expects to start negotiating for compensation in the autumn

Japan to begin work on model of 'superliner'

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Japan, eager to regain its edge in world shipping, is about to start work on an ocean-going freighter which can sail 2.5 times faster than container vessels at a fraction of the cost of air freight.

If all goes well, the research project will produce a working model within five years and a practical version within a decade, transforming cargo transport and helping Japan to fulfil its dream of becoming the pivot of an Asian trading area as powerful as America or the European Community.

Mr Tasuku Hirahara of the Transport Ministry's Technology Division, says the "Techno-superliner" will travel at more than 50 knots, compared with an average speed of 20 knots managed by container ships.

That should enable the new vessel, which will be about 100 yards long and capable of carrying more than 1,000 tons, to travel from Japan to the US in about three days — about half the time needed now. New York to London would be even quicker at under two days. Journeys to the industrializing Asian nations and territories of Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore would be routine short hops.

There are hydrofoil craft or hovercraft which manage a top speed of 40 to 50 knots, but they are only viable as small, short distance passenger ships.

Mr Hirahara says shipping charges for the futuristic-looking freighter should be about one-tenth of those for air freight. He hopes the first commercial version of the new liners, manned by a crew of fewer than 10, will be loading and sailing before the end of this century.

Although it will be designed as a cargo ship, Transport Ministry officials say it could also be used as a long-distance ferry or passenger boat. Officials say research and development costs for the first five years will be Y6 billion (£27 million), mostly financed by government and about one-third by big trading houses such as Mitsui and Mitsubishi and shipbuilders like Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries. Research work will start next month.

The new liner will have a flat hull above two torpedo-shaped floats, and a hydrofoil. It will be powered by gas turbines with a combined output of 90,000 to 120,000 horsepower, and be propelled by water jet. The hull's design will minimize water resistance, while computers will sense and dampen vibrations from pitches and rolls.

The main threat to the superliner is an even newer unbuilt ship. Japanese scientists are hoping to develop the world's first ship powered by superconducting engines instead of propellors or hydrofoil. A prototype is being built in the shipyards of Mitsubishi. If its test run next year is a success, work will be stepped up on building a seaworthy model. But researchers concede that a commercial version is a distant dream.

CBI urges British block on EC's withholding tax

By Colin Narbrough

The Confederation of British Industry has called on the Government to block European Commission proposals for a Communitywide withholding tax of 15 per cent on investment income.

The CBI fears that the tax would add to the compliance costs of business and industry and push up interest rates across Europe.

Mrs Thatcher has signalled her opposition to the idea, and Mr Francis Maude, minister for corporate affairs, told a Commons select committee this week that the tax "does not have a very bright future."

He said it would be difficult to achieve approval for the tax because the measure would need unanimous support from all 12 Community states.

Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, has written to Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, asking him to prevent the tax, as the CBI believes it will cause a huge capital flight, as demonstrated by the brief West German experience of such a tax.

West Germany decided last month to abandon its withholding tax, as it was feared that the outflow of capital was seriously weakening the mark.

Mr Banham said the Brussels proposal, which would only tax Community residents, would create a stimulus for people in the EC to invest in countries outside the Community. He saw this having a bad effect on economic activity within the Community, interfering with the conduct of monetary policies, and reducing the role of Europe as a financial market place.

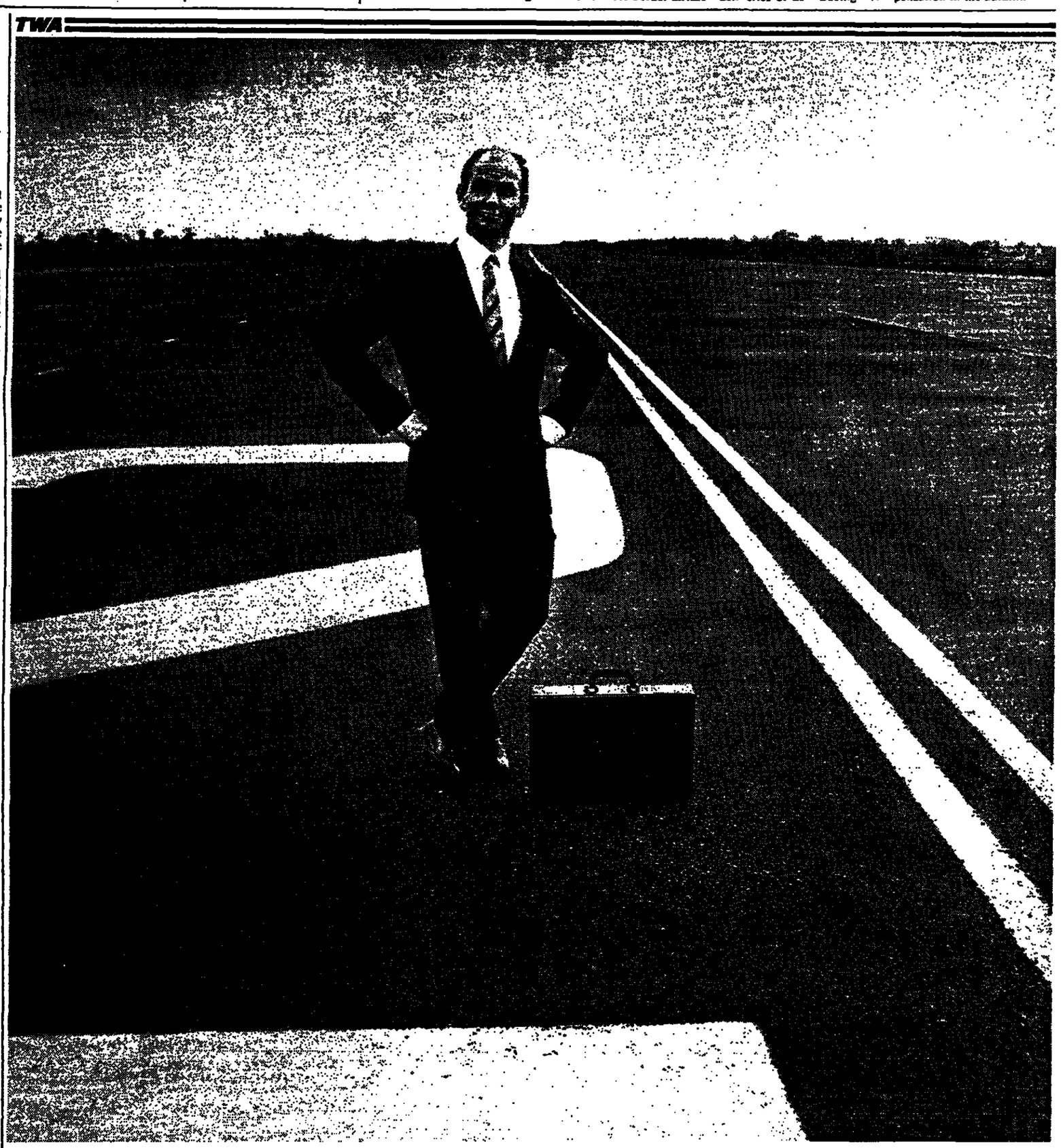
The proposed tax was "misguided and unnecessary," Mr Banham said, and would disturb the effective functioning of the markets.

The CBI noted that the Commission has refused to drop the tax plan, despite its being "informally laid to rest" at the meeting of EC finance ministers in Spain last weekend. Mr Banham said the CBI was not alone in opposing the tax plan — Unice, the European business lobby group, had also rejected them in a formal paper whichdraws attention to the need to take into account the increased inter-linking of markets around the world as restrictions and technical barriers are removed.

The liberalization of capital movements is not only European, but a worldwide development, making it necessary to take full account of relations with the rest of the world, it says.

Though the Government is opposed to the tax, it does not anticipate it blocking progress towards free capital movement in the EC next year.

TWA



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STOCK MARKET

Coalite shares rise on talk of a counter-bid

Speculation mounted yesterday that a counter-bid may be on the way for **Coalite** after the unwanted approach from Anglo United, the coal distribution group.

Coalite shares finished 6p higher at 445p. This compares *with the 425p a share being* offered by Mr David McErlain's Anglo United, *which values the group at* £427 million.

The bid shows more than a dash of audacity with Anglo valued in the market at only a fraction of the *£414* million afforded to Coalite.

Dealers claim that the most *likely contender to make a* counter-bid is **BTR** with a price-tag of £6.4 billion. It has already made a number of acquisitions and has more *than enough financial muscle* to take on Coalite. BTR finished 2p lighter at 377p.

The rest of the equity market finally pulled out of *this week's nosedive* — but only just.

Dealers gave a cautious reception to the latest trade figures, showing a deficit of *£1.6 billion. These are in line* with expectations but they failed to halt the slide in the pound against the mark. As a result, fears of another rise in *interest rates to 15 per cent* — hard on the heels of this week's full-point increase — persisted.

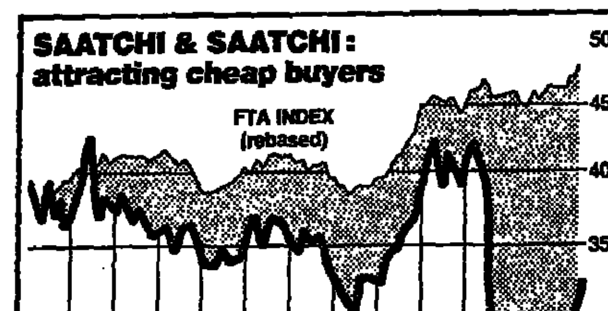
Investors remained on the sidelines with turnover falling to 425 million shares. The FT-SE 100 index recovered a fall, *to finish* 3.9 *points up at* 2,136.6. The FT index of 30 shares advanced by 3.3 to 1,777.3.

Government securities *spent a better day, closing with* gains stretching to £¼ at the longer end.

Consortium bid hopes again revived **Trusthouse Forte** which put in a late advance, to finish 11p up at 315p.

Glaxo was a nervous market, falling *20p to* £13.75. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, has just published a circular which highlights the pitfalls for drug companies in *the anti-ulcer market.*

Zantac, Glaxo's own drug, is a best seller. The US is its biggest market but there are signs that Zantac sales have suffered during the first quarter.



BZW has been taking a *cautious view of Glaxo and it* is doubtful about some claims that its pre-tax profits for the current year are set to reach £1 billion compared with £832 *million last time.*

Mr Steve Plag and Mr Jonathan de Pass, analysts at BZW, are forecasting a final £973 million and have *switched their recommendation* from a buy to a hold.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's largest advertising agency, held steady at 327p. *There has been revived talk* this week about a possible break-up bid with several of the New York brokers — including Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch — believed to be buyers of the shares. Saatchi has every reason to feel worried about an unwanted takeover approach. In 1987, its shares were changing hands at about the 700p level. Since then, the group's fortunes *have taken a turn for the* worse, culminating last month *in a first-half profits warning* which send the price tumbling to a low of 280p.

Events at WPP, following its takeover of the Ogilvy Group in the US, have again focused investors' attention on the sector.

Saatchi is certainly vulnerable to a bid with analysts having slashed estimates of its pre-tax profits for the current year from £164 million to *£100 million. This compares* with £138 million last time.

On the face of it, investors should continue to give Saatchi a wide berth. But a number of fund managers think the shares have bottomed out. Although the interim figures next month are unlikely to make good reading, investors are still looking forward to another fat dividend.

Bridgend Group, the electrical distributor, enjoyed active trading, rising by 3p to 80½p. The source of interest is Mr Jack Horrocks, the property investor, who has bought 1.12 million shares, a 7.8 per cent stake.

His intentions are unclear, but Bridgend has £7 million in cash — following the disposal *of its security products distributor* to Gardiner Group last month — and it would make an attractive shell company.

News of the change of command at **Pennine Optical**, the small glass-frame importers, sent the shares climbing *28.5p to 70p.*

The new directors (and 29.8 per cent shareholders) include *Mr Peter Cowan, former head* of the For Eyes opticians chain and chairman of Prestwich, and Mr Michael Radnor, one-time development director at *Dollond & Aitchison. Rapid* expansion is now expected.

Astra Holdings, the fireworks and armaments manufacturer, also attracted spec*ulative interest amid talk that* Vickers is building a stake. Vickers has plenty of cash after the sale of its lithographic machinery division on Monday and Astra would fit in well with its defence businesses. Astra closed 1p up at 167p.

Cable and Wireless remained an unsettled market, dipping another 6p to 538p. The student demonstrations in China have produced a *wave of selling on the Hong* Kong stock market, where share prices have fallen by 12 per cent in the past few days.

C&W has extensive interests in the Far East, includ*ing a majority holding in* Hong Kong Telecommunications.

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, *also fell 5p to 528p. It does a* lot of business in the Far East.

Michael Clark

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	504	CU	627	Laporte	104	Sainsbury	1,580
Abbey	1,796	Cons Gold	182	L&G	381	Scot & N	445
Alld-Lyons	2,985	Cookson	301	Lloyds	614	Sears	1,485
Amstrad	1,297	Courtaulds	3,692	Lonrho	926	Sedgwick	781
ASDA	1,720	Dalgety	548	Lucas	949	Shell	4,841
AB Foods	1,038	Dixons	2,839	Magnet	727	Siebe	592
Argyll	5,060	ECC	410	M&S	2,686	Slough	52
BAA	1,311	Enterprise	617	Maxwell Cm	56	Smith & N	2,372
BET	485	Ferranti	2,130	MB Group	3,912	Smith WH	18
BTR	1,673	Fisons	1,149	MEPC	530	Smiths Ind	6,540
BAT	2,126	FKI Babck	1,086	Midland	2,858	STC	2,079
Barclays	1,984	Gateway Cp	4,031	NatWest	1,187	Stan Chart	472
Bass	1,265	Gen Acc	141	Next	1,716	Storehse	1,077
Beecham	2,139	GEC	5,402	Nth Food	57	Sun Allnce	259
Beazer	451	Glaxo	1,836	P&O	357	T & N	8
Bensfd Intl	59	Globe Inv	253	Pearl	983	Tarmac	3,783
BICC	360	Glynwed	247	Pearson	168	Tate & Lyle	549
Blue Arrow	4,515	Granada	1,052	Pilkington	720	Taylor Wood	311
Blue Circle	1,081	Grand Met	2,811	Plessey	1,528	TSB	1,843
BOC	215	GUS 'A'	122	Polly Peck	1,141	Tesco	3,873
Boots	2,268	GRE	170	Prudential	4770	Thorn EMI	1,809
BPB	317	GKN	1,719	Racal	7,469	Trafalgar	703
Br Aero	3,621	Guinness	1,111	Racal Tele	452	THF	3,639
Br Airways	1,047	Hamm 'A'	118	Rk Hovis	1,907	Ultramar	3,731
Br Comm	428	Hanson	3,354	Rank	442	Unigate	698
Br Gas	15,553	H & C	360	R&C	298	Unilever	695
Br Land	1,014	Hawker	473	Redland	896	United Bis	2,276
Br Petrol	2,704	Hillsdown	2,775	Reed	2,880	Utd News	781
Br Steel P/P	9,249	IMI	1,074	Reuters	670	Wellcome	231
Br Telecom	5,023	ICI	1,247	RMC Gp	621	Whitbrd	567
Bunzl	275	Inchcape	658	RTZ	2,107	Williams	412
Burmah	299	Jaguar	2,641	R-Royce	4,356	Wills Fab	556
Burton	370	Kingfisher	468	Rothmn 'B'	223	Wimpey G	269
C&W	3,269	Lasmo	2,809	Royal Bank	329		
Cadbury	1,293	Ladbroke	1,716	Royal Ins	580		
Coats	3,157	Land Sec	2,153	Saatchi	1,195		

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HONG KONG

Hang Seng crashes again as fears grow on Peking turmoil

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong stock market crashed as fears grew that the Chinese authorities are preparing to use the army to end the student protests in Peking.

The Hang Seng Index dropped by 256.22 points, or 9 *per cent, to* 2,752.51 at the end of a roller-coaster day that had brokers shouting at each other and rushing round the normally sedate trading floor. Turnover climbed to HK$3.44 billion (£281 million) from Wednesday's HK$3 billion.

Mr Li Peng, the Chinese Prime Minister, imposed martial law in Peking on Saturday to suppress the student protests which had spread across the country. He is now battling for power with Mr Zhao Ziyang, the moderate Chinese Communist Party chief, who favours being more lenient with the students.

Yesterday, rumours that Mr Ziyang, who is in favour of economic reforms, had been forced to step down sent the market into a spin. China is Hong Kong's largest trading partner and most companies have some connection with the mainland. Some 2 million people *in southern China* work directly for Hong Kong manufacturers and mainland firms have been strong buyers *of the colony's property.* If the hawks win their battle to repress the students, analysts *fear that there will then be an* economic clampdown, with serious repercussions for *Hong Kong* firms. *In the* longer term, there is also the concern about what will happen when the crown colony is handed back to China in 1997.

A broker with a British firm said: "Many investors have *decided* they would rather take their cash out of the market until we know exactly what is going on." Within minutes of trading starting, the index plunged *245* points, following a 58-point fall on Wednesday. During the morning, it fell by 11.3 per cent, or 340.03 points. Mr Francis Yuen, the Stock Exchange chairman, insisted that the exchange would not close, despite the magnitude of the fall.

He said: "We will not close when trading is orderly, as it has been." An official statement in Peking later in the day that Mr Ziyang was still in office brought some buyers back into the market but HK$57 *billion was still* wiped off the value off the colony's shares and dealers expect the roller-coaster trading to continue for some time yet.

TOKYO

Futures-related buying lifts Nikkei

(Reuter) — Prices closed higher mainly because of fu*tures-related buying with the* market largely ignoring a rise in wholesale prices. Investors are poised for a discount rate rise, but are still wondering by *how much it will go up.*

The key Nikkei index rose by 153.57 points, or 0.45 per *cent, to* 34,005.39 after firming by 35.21 on Wednesday.

Turnover was a dull 700 million shares against 650 million. Of yesterday's gain, about 50 to 80 points were supported by *index-linked* buying which seemed to be arbitrage-related, said Mr Louis Tseng, the vice-president of international trading *at Goldman Sachs (Japan).*

Individuals and dealers were in the market with institu*tional investors generally on* the sidelines.

Warehouse, credit/lease, *communications, rolling* stock, road transport, shipbuilding, non-ferrous metal, machinery, railway/bus and some manufacturing shares *led the rises. The only declin*ing sectors were brokerage, oil, pharmaceutical, service, steel *and food.* Trade was also slow as investors squared positions with today being the last day of trading for May delivery.

A broker at a foreign house said: "Next month could be good and there was some buying on those ex*pectations.*"

NEW YORK

Dow slips 5 points on profit-taking

(Reuter) — Shares were narrowly lower *in* early trading with losses centred on the blue chips. The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points lower at 2,478.87. Brokers said that selling was due in part to profit-taking. They also noted that bonds fell on a downward *revision in the gross national* product.

Dealers said that the revision showed no need for an easing in monetary policy.

Lin Broadcasting jumped 3½ to 99¾. Its board has approved, in principle, a tax-*free spin off of Lin's seven* television stations.

● **Singapore** — Prices fell sharply across the board at the close in sympathy with the *Hong Kong market's plunge,* brokers said. Large falls in *blue chips and index-component* stocks pushed the *Straits Times* industrial index down by 22.85 points to 1,257.72.

Retailing, hotel and banking shares were also affected by some institutional selling and suffered two-digit losses. Falls *outnumbered rises by 229 to* eight. Turnover swelled to 88 million shares from 59.7 million on Wednesday. Dealers said that warrants, lower-*priced issues and speculative* shares dominated the market.

City Developments' war*rants led the active list with* 5.4 million units changing hands.

● **Frankfurt** — The market was closed for the Corpus *Christi holiday.*

SYDNEY

Market's biggest fall in more than five months

(Reuter) — The market suffered its biggest one-day fall in *more than five months.* Brokers said the day belonged to profit-takers as leading shares tumbled further after the release of economic indicators late in the morning.

One said: "There was no good news today." The figures showed that Australia's gross *domestic product for the* March quarter grew by 1.6 per cent and that retail turnover figures for March showed a 3.3 per cent rise. The All-*Ordinaries index was down by* 28 points to 1,543.2. The All-Industrials Index fell 38.3 points to 2,541.7 and the All-Resources 19.7 to 794.3. The gold marker slipped 3.4 to 1,418.3.

Blue-chip shares led the falls. BHP fell 34 cents to Aus$8.44 and The News Corporation tumbled 30 cents to Aus$14.10.

WALL STREET

	May 24	May 23
AMR Cp	62%	63%
ASA	39%	39%
Aetna Life	52%	52%
Allied Signal	34%	34%
Alcoa	65%	66%
Amax Inc	26	25%
AMR Hess	37%	37%
Am Brands	69%	68%
Am Cynmd	55	55%
Am Ele Pwr	27%	27%
Amexs	34%	34%
Am Family	15%	15%
Am Home	94%	94%
Am Int Grp	82%	83%
Am Telph	35%	34%
Amoco	44%	44%
Anheusr B	41%	41%
Arch Dan	27%	27%
Armco Steel	11	10%
Asarco Inc	27%	27%
Ashland Oil	40%	41%
Atl Richfld	93%	92%
Avon Prod	35%	34%
Bk Boston	25%	25%
Bank NY	47%	47
Bankamer	27%	26%
Bkrs Tst NY	47	47%
Baxter	21%	21%
Beth Steel	23%	23%
Boeing	79%	78%
Boise Casc	44%	44%
Borden	65%	64%
Bristl Meyr	49%	49%
BP	55%	55
Broad Inc	6%	6%
Brunswick	19%	19%
Burl Nth	24%	24%
CBS	196%	197%
CMS Engy	28%	29
CPC Int	58%	59
CSX Cp	33%	33%
Camp Soup	44%	44%
Can Pacific	18%	18%
Caterpiller	62%	62%
Centrl SW	33%	33%
Champion	34	33%
Chase Man	36	35%
Chem Bank	35	35%
Chevron	56	55%
Chrysler	24%	24
Citicorp	31%	31%
Clark Eq	36%	36%
Coca Cola	57%	57%
Colgate	51%	50%
Columb Gas	41	41
Cmb'tn Eng	30%	31
Cmwlth Ed	36	35%
Cons Edis	49%	49%
Consol Ng	43%	43%
Cont Data	20%	19%
Corng Inc	36%	35%
Crane	26%	26%
Curtiss W	57%	57%
Data Genl	18%	18%
Deere Co	56%	56%
Delta Air	69%	69%
Detroit Ed	20	19%
Digital Eq	92%	94%
Disney	93	94%
Dow Chem	93½	94%
Dresser Ind	39	38%
Dupont	112%	112%
Duke Pwr	48%	48%
East Kodak	45%	44
Eaton Cp	61%	61%
Emerson El	35%	35%
Emergy	18%	18%
Exxon	43%	43%
Farah Inc	9%	10%

	May 24	May 23
Fedders	16%	16%
Fst Chicago	40%	39%
Fst Int Bncp	54%	54%
Fst Penn C	13%	13%
FT Wachva	46	45%
Ford Motor	47%	48
GAF Cp	n.a	n.a
GTE Cp	52%	53%
Gen Cp	18%	18
Gn Dynam	58	57%
Gen Electric	53%	52%
Gen Inst	32%	32%
Gen Mills	65%	66%
Gen Motors	40%	40%
Gen Pub Ut	37%	37%
Genesco	7	6%
Georgia Pac	46%	46%
Gillette	38%	39
Goodrich	55	55%
Goodyear	54%	54%
Grace Co	33%	33%
Grt Atl Pac	56%	57
Greyhnd	34%	33%
Gruman	21%	21½
Gulf Westn	54%	54%
Heinz	52%	51%
Hercules	49%	49%
Hewlett Pk	53%	53%
Hilton	80%	82%
Honda	28%	29%
Honeywell	76%	76%
Houshld Int	n.a	n.a
ITT Cp	58%	58
INCO	29%	29%
Ing Rand Wl	41%	41%
Inland Steel	41%	40%
IBM	109%	109%
Int Paper	49%	49%
Jhns & Jhns	49%	50%
K Mart	38%	38%
Kerr McGee	44%	44%
Kimbrly Clrk	65%	65%
Knght Ridr	47	47
Kraft	n.a	n.a
Kroger	12%	12%
LTV Cp	2%	2
Litton	79%	79%
Lockheed	48	47%
Lone Star	29%	29%
Man H'nver	35%	35%
Manville	7%	8
Mapco	36%	35%
Marriott	35%	36%
Mr Marrieta	46	45%
Masco Cp	28%	28%
Mcdonalds	58	58%
McDonnell	80%	78%
Mead Cp	39%	39
Merck	69%	69%
Mnsta Mng	74%	74%
Mobil	52%	51%
Monsanto	101%	101%
Montedison	n.a	n.a
Morgan Jp	39%	39%
Motorola	51%	51%
NCR	57%	57%
NL Indstrs	26%	25%
Nat Med Ent	30%	31%
Nat Semi	7%	7%
Norfolk Sth	35%	36%
NW Bancrp	39%	38%
Occid Pet	28%	28%
Ogden Cp	29%	30%
Olin Cp	50%	51%
PPG Ind	44%	45%
Pac Enterp	44%	44%
Pac Gas El	19%	19%
Pan Am	4%	4%
Penney JC	59%	59%

	May 24	May 23
Pennzoil	81%	82%
Pepsico	51%	52%
Pfizer	60%	60%
Phelps Dod	58%	58%
Philip Mor	137%	135%
Philip Ptrl	23	22%
Polaroid	38%	38%
Primerica	22%	22%
Proct Gble	102%	102%
Pub S E G	26%	26%
R Nabisco	n.a	n.a
Raytheon	71%	71%
Rynlds Metl	55	55%
Rockwell Int	22%	22%
Royal Dutch	61%	60%
Scecorp	34%	34%
S Fe Pac Cp	22%	22%
Sara Lee	54%	54%
Schlumb	38%	38%
Scott Paper	46%	45%
Seagram	75	75%
Sears Roeb	47%	47%
Sec Pac	43%	44%
Shell Trans	38%	38%
Smith Beck	61%	62
Sony Cp	51%	53
SW Bell	52	51%
Squibb	79%	78
Sun Comp	39%	38%
TDK	71%	72%
TRW Inc	46%	45%
Teledyne	357	357%
Tenneco	54%	54
Texaco	55%	54%
Tex Eastn	60%	50%
Texas Inst	43%	43%
Tex Util	30%	31%
Textron	27%	27
Travelers	40%	40%
UAL Cp	127%	127%
USG Cp	5%	5%
USX Cp	34%	34
Unilever Plc	34%	35%
Un Carbide	26%	27%
Un Pac Cp	72%	72%
Unisys Cp	24%	24%
Unit Brand	13%	13%
Us West	69%	69%
Utd Tech	51%	51%
Unocal	46%	45%
Warn Lamb	87%	88%
Wells Far	76%	77%
Westg El	61%	61%
Weyerahr	29%	29%
Whirlpool	29%	30%
Woolworth	52%	52%
Xerox Cp	65%	65%
Zenith	19%	19%
CANADIAN PRICES		
Agnco Eag	9%	9%
Alcan Alum	26%	26%
Can Pacific	22%	22%
Cominco	25%	25
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	25	25
Hud Bay M	27%	27%
Imasco	32%	32%
Imperial Oil	54%	55%
Inco	35%	35%
Royl Trstco	17%	17%
Seagram	90%	90%
Shell Can	43%	44
Stelco	23%	23%
Thmsn N 'A'	29%	29%
Varity Cp	3.25	3.20
WCE	18%	18%
Weston	39	38%

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abtrust New Dawn (100p)	102
Amberley Gp (57p)	63
Ass Brit Consult (155p)	167 +1
Boxmore Intl (100p)	128
CCS Group	35
CMB Packaging	£64
CST Emerging Tst (50p)	48
Capita Gp (100p)	143
Community Hospital (180p)	206
Davenport Vernon (135p)	138
Diamond Group (85p)	91
Eden Corp (21p)	22½
Gartmore Value	54½
Green (John) (100p)	118
Ibex Hldgs (175p)	175
Malacca Fund	£13¼
Mid Kent Hldgs	430
Miskin Group (58p)	62
Poddington (20p)	88 +1
Porth Group (100p)	106 +1
Prop Comp London	215
Quligotti (52p)	67
R & V Info Sys (60p)	72
Ross Catherall (125p)	180 +2
Servomex (125p)	148 +1
Sheffield Ins (125p)	144 −1
Sth Africa Land	44
Try Group (125p)	136
Vista Entertainment	11½
Vizcaya (38p)	36

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Concentric N/P	38
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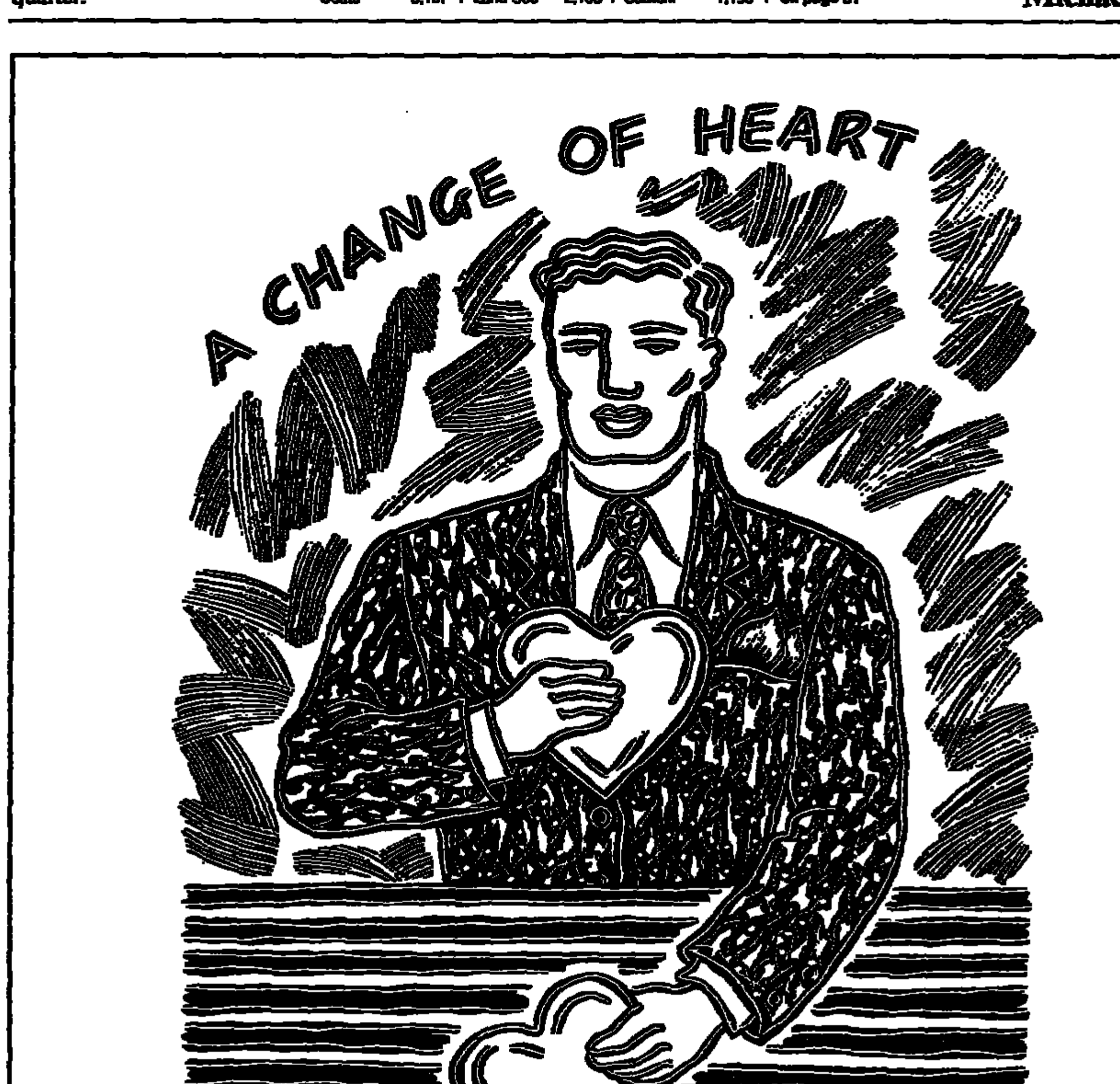

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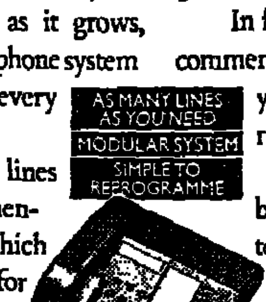

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Costa Rica and the Philippines win IMF loans

Washington – The International Monetary Fund has approved a loan to the Philippines of up to $1.18 billion (£737 million) and another to Costa Rica for $52 million.

In addition, the Philippines will be permitted to borrow up to $220 million and Costa Rica up to $42 million for use in their negotiations with banks to facilitate a reduction of the periodic payments they make to banks on the debt.

Work on a larger, $4.2 billion IMF package of loans to Mexico, most of it tentatively approved last month, is expected to be completed soon and should be announced by the Fund today.

That agreement could help ease Mexico's talks with a team of foreign banks, led by Citicorp, on about $54 billion in loans it owes them.

Bankers involved in the negotiations said the Mexicans had rejected a counter-offer from the 15-member advisory committee that offered less than half of the $4.5 billion a year in debt reduction and new loans requested by the Mexicans.

"They said this wasn't exactly what they hoped for," one banker said. But, he added, "they didn't say it was totally unacceptable."

An official familar with the Mexican position said the negotiators had not yet rejected a counterproposal because they had not received one.

"They discussed a number of options with us and then reassembled to work on them," the official said of the bankers. "It helps them to have our reaction to the options."

Regardless of the official status of the counter offer, it is clear that the Mexicans will not accept the bank proposal because it is so far below their request.

Debt reduction, to relieve countries of the strain on their economies of making monthly payments to banks and creditor governments, is the overriding goal of a plan announced by Mr Nicholas Brady, US Treasury Secretary, in March.

Beyond debt reduction, the new loans mark a departure from IMF practices as portions will be disbursed right away, the IMF said. Previously, disbursement of such loans had to await completion of a loan agreement with banks.

"We will have an initial release of $136 million," said Mr Emmanuel Pelaez, the Philippine ambassador to the US. He added that the IMF agreement would also permit it to embark on negotiations with its commercial banks.

(New York Times)

Trump wins $365m battle for strike-torn Eastern

Mr Donald Trump, the New York real estate developer, has won permission from a federal bankruptcy court to acquire the Eastern Airlines shuttle for $365 million (£228 million), securing a deal he made with the airline last October before it was virtually grounded by a strike.

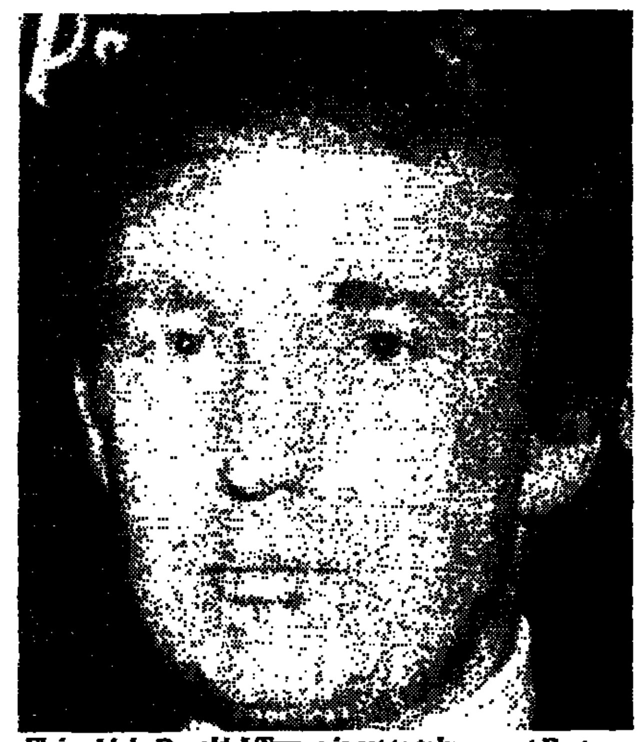
Mr Trump won the bid battle against America West, a Phoenix airline that was unable to arrange the financing for its higher offer. The New York court had said the financing would have to be arranged by Wednesday afternoon.

Had Mr Trump's deal not been made by today, his agreement with Eastern would have expired. He is now expected to take over the operation of the shuttle by the end of May.

Executives who will run it have given warning that passengers should not expect too much at first, since the changes Mr Trump has in mind will take time.

The sale of the shuttle to Mr Trump was approved in principle by Mr Burton R Lifland, the chief judge of the US Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of New York, according to Miss Nancy Lazar, the clerk for the judge.

Miss Lazar added that the judge was expected to sign an order approving the sale to Mr Trump after a hearing yesterday morning.



Flying high: Donald J Trump is set to take over at Eastern

The bid by America West was favoured by the creditors' committee in the bankruptcy action because it could have brought in as much as $90 million more than Mr Trump's offer.

The main unions at Eastern – the pilots, machinists and flight attendants – wanted Mr Trump to gain control of the shuttle because he has agreed to negotiate new union contracts and has already hired more than 170 Eastern pilots.

Mr Trump has vowed to spruce up the shuttle, promising that flights will operate on time and that the ageing fleet of Boeing 727 planes will be entirely refurbished.

He said on Wednesday that he will order new planes this year to replace some of the aircraft and that the refurbishing will be completed in about six months.

He said he does not plan to cut fares to win back passengers who switched to the Pan American World Airways shuttle during the strike.

Eastern's shuttle market share is now about 28 per cent – before the industrial action, it was more than 50 per cent.

The strike, which began on March 4, has crippled most of Eastern's operations, but the carrier has been able to run its shuttle flights between La Guardia Airport in New York and Logan International Airport in Boston and National Airport in Washington.

As with most of his acquisitions, Mr Trump will put his personal stamp on the shuttle, including painting large T's on the tails of the planes. He may also expand the shuttle operation to include a service to Atlantic City, where he owns casinos.

Sources close to Mr Trump said that shuttle passengers might be offered incentives for trips to Atlantic City.

Eastern, which is owned by the Texas Air Corp., has said it hopes to use some of the net proceeds of the sale, estimated to be about $300 million, to finance its plans to rebuild the remaining part of the airline.

(New York Times)

New York branch for USSR bank

New York – Executives of the Bank for Foreign Economic Affairs are preparing to open the first United States office of a Soviet bank.

A banking presence in the US could aid recent Soviet efforts to encourge foreign trade and investment in the USSR.

The absence of such a bank was so glaring that it was the first question raised last December at a roundtable discussion during a Soviet trade show in New York. The Soviet office, on Madison Avenue, New York, is scheduled to open in August, and will start by providing advice to American and Soviet financiers, smoothing the way for consultations between business executives from the two countries.

It will be what is known as a representative office, not licensed to make loans, handle financial transactions or earn a profit. (New York Times)

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	420	37	51	62	4½	11	14
(*445)	460	13	29	40	23	28	31
	500	3½	12½	20	58	59	62
Bass	900	76	107	120	6	12	22
(*954)	950	42	72	85	25	32	42
	1000	17	45	57	57	60	67
Beecham	500	128	145	–	2	3	–
(*625)	550	80	102	115	3	8	12
	600	36	65	80	12	23	28
	650	16	38	53	42	48	50
Boots	240	55	64	71	1	2	3
(*293)	260	35	47	55	2	4½	6
	280	22	32	39	8	10	12
	300	11	21	27	19	20	21
Brit Air	180	21	24	31	3	5	9
(*200)	200	7	15	19	10	13	16
	220	2	6	11	30	31	32
Brit Com	200	9	17	20	9	11	14
(*196)	220	3	9	11	25	25	28
	240	1	4	–	45	45	–
BP	240	51	56	–	1	2	–
(*287)	260	32	38	42	2	5	7
	280	16½	22½	26½	5	10	13
	300	6½	11½	17	16	19	21
Brit Steel	80	11	12½	15½	2½	4	6
(*90)	90	5½	6½	10½	8½	9½	11½
	100	1	3½	6½	17	18	19
C & W	500	61	75	87	8	16	20
(*536)	550	24	45	58	32	35	47
	600	8	24	38	65	70	71
Cons Gold	1350	23	40	65	145	160	180
(*1224)	1400	12	27	50	190	210	220
	1450	6	17	35	240	260	270
Com Union	360	24	30	44	8	12	16
(*372)	390	9	16	26	20	26	30
	420	2½	7	–	50	52	–
Courtauld	280	65	69	76	1	2	4
(*343)	300	45	51	61	2½	6	9
	330	15	29	40	10	14	17
GKN	330	77	80	90	1	3	4
(*396)	360	48	55	66	3	8	11
	390	25	35	47	11	16	21
Grand Met	500	63	73	88	2	8	10
(*552)	550	24	36	55	16	23	28
	600	6	18	26	55	57	58
ICI	1150	149	170	–	6	11	–
(*1273)	1200	105	128	157	12	21	32
	1250	67	95	135	24	42	47
	1300	37	65	105	49	65	70
Jaguar	280	55	59	70	1	4	5
(*326)	300	39	45	54	2½	8	11
	330	14	26	36	13	16½	22
Kingfisher	280	28	38	49	5	9	13
(*300)	300	17	25	35	11	15	19
	330	4	13	21	32	33	35
Ladbroke	550	62	82	91	4	6½	13
(*596)	600	26	48	58	19	26	30
	650	9	25	38	54	56	68
Land Sec	550	32	52	63	8	15	16
(*577)	600	7	23	35	38	42	45
	650	2	–	–	88	–	–
M & S	160	25	35	39	1½	3	5
(*183)	180	12	19	24	5½	7	9
	200	3	8	13	18	18	19
STC	300	78	84	96	1	4	6
(*371)	330	46	62	74	3	9	11
	360	26	40	55	12	19	22
Sainsbury	220	22	30	36	2½	4½	6
(*240)	240	8	17	23	10	13	14
	260	2	8	13	25	26	27
Shell	350	66	–	–	1½	–	–
(*407)	390	28	35	46	6	10	12
	420	11	18	28	18	21	23
Storehse	140	39	41	46	2	3½	5
(*176)	160	23	26	31	6	8	10
	180	9	16	19	17	19	20
Trafalgar	330	56	76	80	1½	3	7
(*384)	360	34	50	54	5	10	14
	390	17	30	34	18	22	30
Ultramar	280	37	45	56	5	8	12
(*305)	300	23	34	42	9	15	18
	330	9	17	28	28	33	35
Unilever	500	67	85	95	2	6	7
(*554)	550	27	47	60	15	19	20
	600	7	22	34	48	46	48
Utd Bisc	300	38	50	56	3	5	8
(*332)	330	17	31	36	12	15	19
	360	6	17	22	34	35	38
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	330	29	48	53	9	13	18
(*352)	360	13	28	35	23	28	33
	390	4	15	–	47	50	–
BAT Ind	500	63	78	97	6	13	16
(*543)	550	28	48	65	24	32	35
	600	10	26	40	60	63	65
BTR	360	32	44	55	7	12	14
(*377)	390	15	26	37	20	25	27
	420	6	15	25	45	45	46
Brit Aero	600	95	115	135	8	17	19
(*669)	650	55	80	102	23	35	40
	700	30	55	76	47	62	65
Brit Tele	260	17	25	29	8	8½	10
(*268)	280	6	14	18	19	21	22
	300	2	7½	–	38	37	–
Cadbury	330	35	47	59	4½	9	10
(*352)	360	16	27	40	18	21	23
	390	5	14	25	41	42	43
Guinness	420	72	84	–	4	6	–
(*460)	460	40	54	70	10	18	20
	500	18	32	48	30	36	38
GEC	220	29	36	42	2½	4	5
(*242)	240	15	23	29	8½	11	14
	260	5½	12	19	21	23	25

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Hanson	160	42	–	–	1	–	–
(*201)	180	23	32	33	1½	3	5
	200	9	18	20	7	9½	11½
	220	2½	8½	11	22	22½	23½
LASMO	441	46	65	–	11	17	–
(*461)	479	25	47	–	27	30	–
	500	13	29	42	43	48	52
P & O	650	60	65	85	14	24	28
(*657)	700	23	40	57	42	52	65
	750	8	20	37	85	85	87
Pilkington	220	25	35	39	4½	8	9
(*243)	240	12	22	27	13	15	17
	260	4½	13	17	27	28	31
Plessey	240	29	35	38	2½	6	6
(*256)	260	16	23	24	9	11	12
	280	6	10	14	22	23	24
Prudential	160	25	28	–	3	4	–
(*179)	180	9	14	20	7	10	11
	200	3	5	10	24	24	24
Racal	380	104	122	–	1½	5	–
(*482)	420	77	98	–	5	11	–
	460	45	69	85	14	21	25
	500	23	47	64	35	40	46
	550	9	28	42	72	76	78
RTZ	460	57	–	–	5	–	–
(*496)	500	28	45	57	18	22	29
	550	9	23	35	52	54	57
Scot & New	280	31	44	–	7	10	–
(*305)	300	20	31	41	16	19	23
	330	9	19	29	36	40	44
Tesco	160	23	29	36	3	5	5
(*177)	180	9	16	22	9	11	12
	200	4	8	12	26	26	27
	Series	Jul	Sep	Nov	Jul	Sep	Nov
ASDA	140	38	35	38	2	2½	2½
(*166)	160	16	20	23	4	8	8
	180	7	9	12	15	18	21
Gateway	180	22	23	26	3	4	7
(*197)	200	9	11	12	10	13	14
	220	1½	4½	6	26	29	32
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Vaal Reefs	60	12	13	13	2	4	4
(*$69)	70	6	6½	9	6	8	7
	80	2½	3	4½	14	15	16
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	130	1	4	7	31	31	31
(*101)	140	1	2	4	41	41	41
	160	½	1	2	61	61	61
Barclays	420	44	52	62	2	4	7
(*457)	460	13	25	32	9	17	18
	500	3	10	16	44	46	46
Blue Circ	460	128	140	–	1	3	–
(*582)	500	88	104	116	1½	5	8
	550	42	64	78	6	16	19
	600	13	34	50	25	32	40
Brit Gas	140	38	–	–	¼	–	–
(*176)	160	18½	21	23	½	3	4
	180	3	8	10½	6	12	13
	200	½	1½	4½	25	27	27
Dixons	140	14	19	24	5	9	13
(*147)	160	6	13	16	18	23	25
	180	2½	6	10	35	37	39
Glaxo	1200	197	235	–	2	6	–
(*1374)	1250	140	192	210	2	12	20
	1300	95	152	170	10	25	33
	1350	57	115	140	23	37	50
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Hawker	650	72	102	114	2½	6	15
(*703)	700	30	67	80	14	25	27
	750	11	35	55	42	52	55
Hillsdown	260	18	25	34	6	9	11
(*265)	280	4	15	24	17	19	20
	300	2	7½	14	36	37	38
Lonrho	257	22	32	43	2½	10	11
(*274)	283	6	17	25	16	20	24
	309	2½	8	15	36	40	44
Midland	279	77	83	–	1	1½	–
(*350)	300	58	62	70	2	3	5
	329	28	36	44	3	10	12
	357	8	16	–	14	21	–
R-Royce	140	54	61	–	¼	1	–
(*190)	160	34	42	43	1	2	3
	180	15	25	28	2½	6	8
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(*117)	130	1½	5	8½	14	15	16½
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(*458)	460	16	38	48	15	24	27
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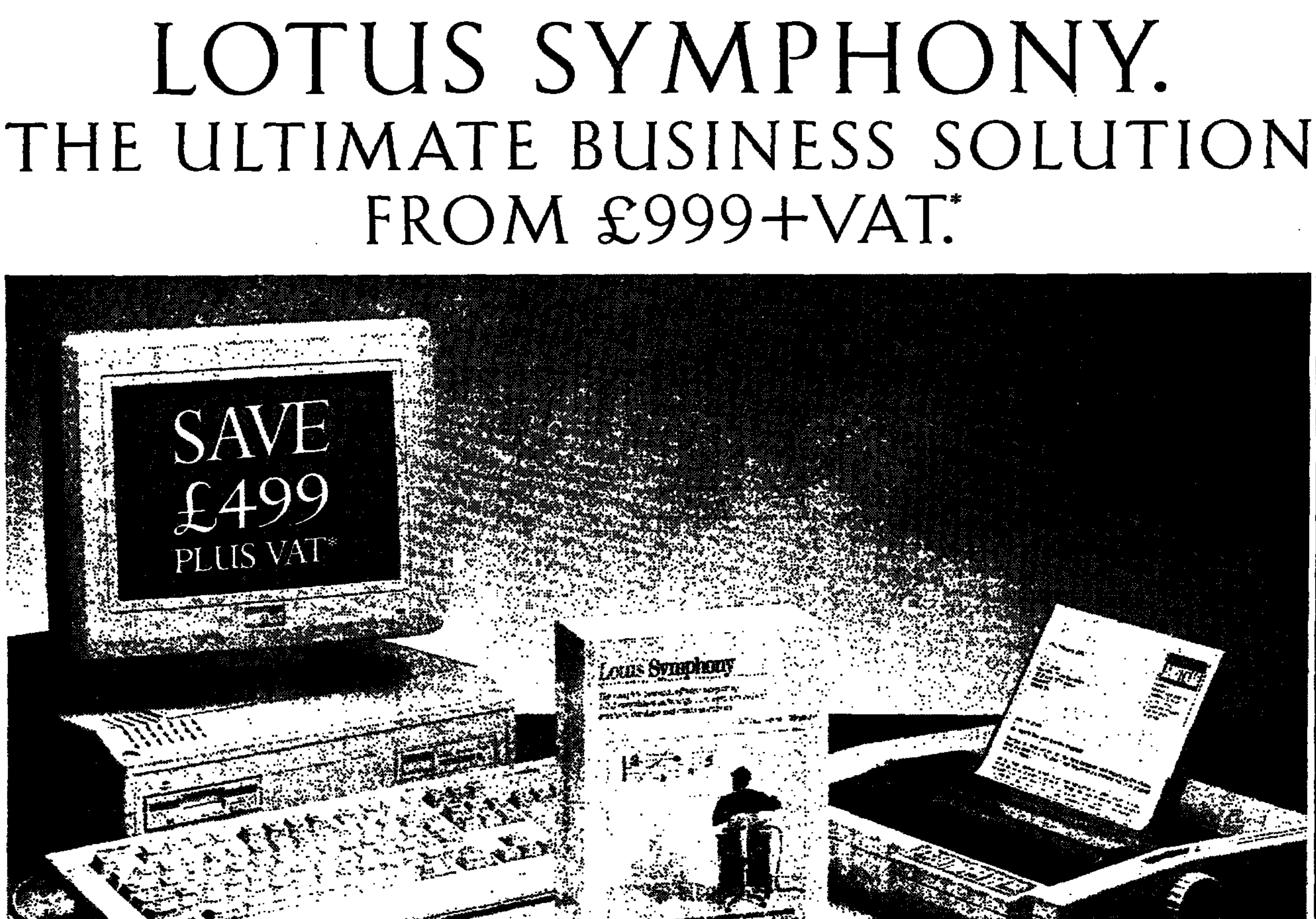

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Do Acc 280.5 298.8 -0.4 ..
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Do Acc 377.0 399.9 +1.1 2.13
Conv Inc 118.2 125.0 +0.2 4.92
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Do Acc 323.3 341.9 +1.6 4.92
Financial Acc 56.20 59.47e -0.10 0.74
Do Inc 55.29 58.50e -0.11 0.74
Inc Trust 183.4 194.0e +0.8 4.45
Do Acc 213.1 225.5e +1.0 4.45
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Do Acc 193.6 205.0e -0.9 ..
Jap & Gen Inc 153.7 162.8 -1.2 ..
Do Acc 153.2 164.2 -1.2 ..
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Do Acc 57.78 61.80e -0.21 1.42

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Do Dist 69.15 74.15 +0.51 2.22
Capit Gth 28.47 30.53 +0.21 2.95
Pract Inc Inc 82.88 88.85 +0.46 2.90
Do Acc 157.5 169.0 +0.89 2.90
UK Sel Opps 107.3 115.1 +0.79 0.85
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Fxd Interest 28.75 32.74e -0.40 9.46
High Inc 33.72 36.06e+0.06 4.83
Income 113.0 120.5 +0.52 3.89
Intl Fxd Int 23.12 24.33 +0.01 7.55
UK Smlr Cos 119.6 128.3 +0.40 1.58
International Trusts
Commod Shre 66.93 72.27c -0.57 1.94
Frontier Mkts 32.87 35.10e -0.45 0.00
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Do Dist 178.8 187.1 +0.19 0.14
Glob Inc/Gr 80.55 86.05e -0.57 4.24
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W'wide Recov 110.6 118.3 -0.57 0.13
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Euro Sel Opp 73.45 78.13 +0.37 0.00
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Jap S/Opps 79.15 84.21e+0.44 0.00
Pacific Gth 73.37 78.07c -4.29 0.38

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Amer Growth 77.04 82.59 .. 0.08
Amer Inc 74.97 80.18 .. 4.29
Euro Growth 55.39 59.23e .. 1.17
Gold/Minr 52.67 56.29 .. 0.61
Jap Growth 77.8 83.2e .. ..
Pacific Inc 104.8 112.1 .. 2.63
Pacific Smlr 58.30 62.35 .. 0.41
UK Prog Inc 78.73 83.27c .. 3.91
UK Spec Opps 108.7 182.4 .. 1.72
Gt Britain 42.48 45.43e .. 2.75
UK Smlr Co 48.78 52.18a .. 1.52

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Intl 129.9 137.4 +0.6 0.68
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Pacific 321.3 339.8e -3.2 0.00
Prop Share 278.7 298.6 -1.8 1.93
Smlr Cos 327.8 340.3e -1.4 1.75
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Recov 376.6 398.1e -0.1 1.85
St Vin Inc 113.8 120.0 -0.2 5.71
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TBUSF 174.0 186.8e .. 3.30
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Euro 100.3 106.4 +1.4 0.67
High Inc 87.74 93.34 +0.05 6.51
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Jap & Far East 154.2 163.6e -3.3 0.01
N Am 74.46 79.00e -0.02 0.71
Recov/Asset 71.47 75.83 +0.25 1.55
Scandinavian 108.0 112.5 -0.1 0.85
Smlr Cos 37.45 39.84e -0.02 1.05
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Euro Inc 51.58 55.12 +0.45 2.73
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Extra Inc 254.3 270.9c +1.4 5.71
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Fixed Interest 51.17 54.39c -0.23 9.94
Gilt 37.77 39.98e+0.49 10.09
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Jap Exmpt 221.2 229.4 +0.8 0.00
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Pacific Exmpt 218.4 228.1e -8.4 3.15
Smlr Co Exmpt 191.5 204.2e +0.5 1.85
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Dollar 216.7 231.7e -1.1 0.82
Euro 141.4 151.2 +1.2 0.00
Far East 163.4 176.8 -4.0 0.00
Financial 456.1 487.8 -3.0 1.91

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High Yield 92.74 99.19e -0.67 4.34
Inc Trust 114.6 122.5e -0.8 3.53
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Jap Tech 62.35 66.68 -0.14 0.00
Natrl Resrcs 51.74 55.33 -0.51 1.70
Security 247.9 266.1 -1.6 1.57
Smlr Cos 136.2 145.8e -1.0 1.08
Spec Sits 139.3 148.9 -0.8 1.54
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Do Acc 223.1 235.8 +0.5 9.48
Global Inc 161.5 171.8e -1.8 3.90
Do Acc 298.8 317.9e -3.0 3.90
High Yield Inc 121.3 129.0e +0.3 4.36
Do Acc 273.3 287.8 +0.5 4.36
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Am Smlr Co 64.77 68.90 -0.36 0.00
Do Acc 64.74 71.00 -0.37 0.00
N Amer 57.11 60.85 -0.33 1.37
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Do Acc 125.1 132.8 +0.8 1.81
Euro Spec Inc 76.58 81.36 +0.43 1.49
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Jap Spec 166.8 177.3 -0.3 0.00
Do Acc 167.4 178.1 -0.3 0.00
Master Acc 179.2 190.5 -0.6 1.16
Pacific Inc 218.3 230.1e -3.5 0.27
Do Acc 245.7 262.5 -3.9 0.27
Smr Cos Inc 125.2 133.2c -0.7 1.34
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Do Acc 39.68 42.07 -0.04 0.32
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Do Acc 423.2 450.2 +1.05 4.94
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Do Acc 65.48 70.37 +0.60 0.48
Income 379.4 403.6e+1.13 4.13
Do Acc 829.0 887.9 +2.48 4.13
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Do Acc 231.7 248.5 +0.32 0.46
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Am Recov 298.5 317.9e +0.7 0.83
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Am Sm Co Acc 61.2 64.7 -0.3 0.00
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Commod Acc 348.1 368.1 -1.9 1.71
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Far East Inc 152.3 161.0 -1.6 0.78
Do Acc 242.4 256.9 -2.7 0.78
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Do Acc 814.2 854.1e .. 2.63
Genl Income 806.6 872.2 -0.5 3.17
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Do Acc 43.3 46.4 -0.7 1.80
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Do Acc £19.23 17.23 -0.14 1.19
Intl Inc 69.1 73.18 -0.7 4.76
Jap Acc £12.31 13.05e -0.01 0.00
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Gilt 25.83 27.29 +0.15 8.64
Inc/Gth 31.17 33.39e +0.13 3.57
Pref Shares 19.80 21.03e+0.13 8.83
UK Income 269.1 286.2 +1.8 3.91
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Commod 149.2 158.5e -0.5 1.27
Financial Secs 43.67 46.33e -0.11 2.29
Gold 41.13 44.11 -0.28 0.57
Do Acc 42.98 46.27 -0.28 1.54
Intl Leisure 20.45 21.72 -0.02 0.00
Prop Shares 78.61 83.58 -0.62 1.91
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World Tech 45.04 47.85 -0.03 0.00
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Exmpt 122.8 127.20 +0.7 3.90
Euro Exmpt Acc 83.58 88.56 -0.71 0.74
Euro Expr Inc 82.57 88.59 -0.71 0.75
Overseas Growth Fund
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Drayton Jap 62.81 66.87e -0.24 0.00
Euro Perf 83.82 90.82 -0.71 0.00
Do Acc 84.93 91.21 -0.71 0.00
Euro Smir Cos 16.14 17.30 -0.42 0.34
Far East 88.16 93.83 -0.45 0.13
French Gth 45.23 48.29 -0.77 0.41
Do Acc 45.64 48.33 -0.79 0.41
HK/China 27.53 29.45 -2.89 2.71
Intl Gth 45.23 43.05 -1.3 1.18
Jap Perf 129.5 137.9c -0.9 0.00
Do Acc 129.5 137.5e -0.9 0.00
Jap Smlr Cos 31.12 33.12 +0.22 0.00
Sing/ASEAN 43.1 46.2 -0.8 0.00
Do Acc 43.12 46.22 -0.61 0.00
SE Asia 108.3 115.1 -5.1 0.00
US Smir Co 77.98 84.86 -0.36 0.00
Do Acc 78.60 85.76 -0.36 0.00
Overseas Income Funds
Global Inc 68.41 73.50c+0.37 3.57
Intl Bond 47.75 50.35 +0.01 5.31
US Income 58.00 61.88 -0.22 3.41
Do Acc 68.63 73.28 +0.22 2.58
NEL Trusts
Nelstar Gth 68.04 68.77e+0.25 8.40

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Amer 33.19 35.31 -0.23 2.47
Emerg 31.10 33.39 -0.67 1.35
Genl 44.22 47.04c +0.41 2.55
Intl 62.33 66.27e -0.45 1.53
Gilt Unit 24.33 25.08e -0.15 8.06
Inc/Gth 70.74 75.25e+0.54 3.50
Euro 39.09 41.58 +0.08 0.56
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UK Smlr Cos 24.82 26.43 +0.04 2.37

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Inv Port Acc 107.2 137.8e -3.6 0.50

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Far East 108.2 112.7c -1.5 0.27
Inc Fund 59.54 63.20e -0.58 4.71
European 49.52 52.56 +0.11 1.00
N Amer 35.72 37.91c -0.14 0.87
Gth/Rec 57.94 61.50 -1.47 2.80
Intl Gth 524.4 556.5e -15.0 0.91

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
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Do Acc 129.3 136.3e +0.2 0.00
Am Income 50.30 52.68 -0.17 3.50
Do Acc 60.95 65.01 +0.21 3.50
Euro Growth 138.8 148.1 +1.6 0.75
Do Acc 146.7 156.5 +1.7 0.75
General 356.5 382.6 +1.4 3.30
Do Acc 620.4 661.9 +2.2 3.30
Gilt/Fixed 83.48 87.91c+0.41 7.79
Do Acc 112.0 118.1c +0.6 7.75
Income 114.1 121.8e +0.6 4.71
Do Acc 141.4 150.9e +0.6 4.71
Intl 314.2 334.5 +0.9 1.21
Do Acc 403.5 429.8 +1.1 1.21
Japan 201.3 214.8 +0.8 0.00
Do Acc 206.8 220.6 +0.7 0.00
Recov 303.8 320.7e +2.2 2.45
Do Acc 364.4 393.1e +2.5 2.45
Exmpt Dist 343.9 362.8 .. 3.21
Do Acc 564.5 579.0 .. 3.21
Euro Inc 68.89 73.27 +0.47 4.21
Do Acc 78.23 81.09 +3.53 4.21
Am Smlr Dist 49.47 52.77 +0.34 0.00
Do Acc 50.15 53.50 +0.34 0.00
Br Blue Chip Di 50.82 54.00 +0.38 1.89
Do Acc 53.17 56.72 +0.40 1.89
Portf Dist 51.04 54.45 +0.24 3.96
Do Acc 52.06 55.53 +0.25 3.96
High Inc Dist 49.68 52.99e+0.11 5.06
Do Acc 54.09 57.70e+0.11 5.06

High Inc Dst 42.07 44.61 +0.01 8.47
Do Acc 48.61 51.54 +0.11 8.47
Pacific Dst 54.88 58.54 -1.60 1.15
Do Acc 55.35 59.06 -1.61 1.15
UK Smlr Dst 53.38 57.58 -0.66 1.20
Do Acc 55.86 59.72 -0.36 1.20
Am Sm Cos Ex 51.16 52.48 -0.13 0.07
Do Acc 51.58 52.01 -0.13 0.07

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Do Acc 57.93 61.96 +0.44 2.27
Capit Income 121.9 130.4 +1.2 1.91
Do Acc 174.6 186.7 +1.7 1.91
Extra High Inc 72.32 77.35 +0.32 6.32
Do Acc 97.81 104.4 +0.48 6.32
Gt/Fxd Income 51.59 53.88c+0.21 8.84
Do Acc 100.9 105.44 +0.4 8.64
High Yield 225.1 223.6e +1.2 4.80
Do Acc 422.9 439.5e +2.3 4.80
Income 245.2 262.2 +1.6 3.46
Do Acc 435.9 466.2 +2.8 3.46
Intl High St Dis 54.83 56.71e+0.16 1.82
Do Acc 56.58 60.51e+0.17 1.82
Jap Growth 384.3 411.2 +2.4 0.00
Do Acc 403.9 432.3 +2.5 0.00
Mancunn 56.94 60.50e -2.65 0.77
N Amer Inc 123.2 131.8e -0.1 0.45
Do Acc 152.1 162.7e -0.1 0.45
Euro Gth Inc 120.3 127.7e +1.0 0.23
Do Acc 147.7 157.3e +1.2 0.39
Managed Port 70.47 75.27 +0.24 1.64
Meridian Gth 118.1 126.3 +0.4 1.49
Meridian Inc 110.5 117.7 +0.3 3.86
Smlr Cos Inc 184.1 196.9 -0.3 1.30
Do Acc 234.1 218.3 -0.4 1.30

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Euro Gth 174.8 185.8c +0.5 0.26
Intl Gth 145.4 155.8e -1.2 0.33
Jap Trust 94.97 100.5 +0.39 0.01
UK Equity Inc 116.5 124.5e -1.1 3.50
UK Eq In Acc 120.2 128.1e -1.1 3.50
UK Eq In Trstr 110.3 116.8 -1.4 3.50
US Eq In Trstr 131.6 139.3 -0.9 1.36
Do Acc 131.6 139.3 -0.9 1.36

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European 51.74 54.84e+0.39 1.07
Far East 109.5 116.5 -3.7 0.80
Olympiad 49.01 52.22 -0.32 0.83
Olympiad Inc 39.89 42.34e -0.32 5.43
Smlr Cos 74.13 79.13e -0.37 1.42
UK Equity Inc 83.73 89.34c +0.32 5.25
UK Growth 62.51 65.72e -0.41 2.48

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Australia Acc 180.5 154.0 .. 1.60
Consistence Inc 49.77 53.11c+0.21 1.88
Do Acc 50.7 54.1c +0.2 1.88
Euro Inc 124.0 132.2e +0.9 0.99
Do Acc 130.0 135.6e +0.9 0.99
Extra Inc 73.45 78.39e+0.27 6.48
Extra Inc Acc 88.66 94.62e+0.22 6.48
F East Sm Acc 125.8 134.2 -2.7 0.00
Gt/Fxd Income 52.06 55.08 +0.21 8.77
Spec Inc 35.44 38.10 -0.36 0.21
Do Acc 38.32 40.88 -0.40 0.21
Inc 50.70 54.77e +0.30 5.30
Do Acc 124.0 132.2e .. 5.25
Intl Inc 37.33 39.32e .. 0.65
Do Acc 38.48 41.29e .. 0.65
Jap Smr Co Acc 209.8 223.7 +0.9 0.00
Sing Mal Acc 105.3 112.9e -1.8 0.00
Smr Co Inc Acc 39.48 42.45e +0.07 1.86
Spec Sits Inc 31.52 33.89e -0.17 1.24
Do Acc 33.67 35.22e -0.17 1.24
Tokyo Inc 79.48 84.77e+0.30 0.00
Do Acc 82.28 85.53e+0.31 0.00
US Sm Co Acc 56.34 60.25 -0.32 0.00
UK Equity Inc 142.8 152.3 +0.9 3.57
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Do Acc 187.8 197.5e +1.4 2.77
Inc Trust 177.0 188.3e +1.2 3.61
Intl Equity Inc 169.3 180.1 +0.4 1.42
Do Acc 175.4 186.5 +0.4 1.42
Equity Inc 177.3 186.6c +1.1 2.63
Do Acc 327.1 347.9c +2.1 2.63

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Eur Emerg Cos 65.59 72.72e -0.69 0.92
Far East Growth 120.7 129.1 -3.1 2.00
Euro Gth 70.38 75.28 +0.13 1.10
UK Growth 45.91 48.11 -0.32 2.66
High Inc 56.75 60.71 -0.33 5.85
Jap Gth 110.2 117.8 +1.04 0.01

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Ext 148.7 158.2 -0.1 0.67
High Inc 90.30 96.26e+0.69 4.23
Comm/Gth 126.1 134.5e +0.2 6.33
Far East 261.1 277.5 -8.6 0.01
Nth Amer 153.5 164.3 +0.3 0.01
Spec Sits 110.8 118.5c +0.9 0.56
Technology 144.2 153.9c -1.0 0.54
Extra Inc 140.4 149.7 +0.9 4.52
Euro Gth/Inc 49.48 52.92 +0.15 1.96

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Holb Comms 74.69 79.89 -0.10 0.31
Holb High Inc 85.41 91.34 -0.10 5.83
Holb Intl 116.8 124.9 -0.75 1.02
Japanese 158.2 170.2 -0.09 0.04
N Amer 91.32 98.31e -0.89 0.68
Holb Spec Sits 98.54 105.3 +0.60 1.90
Holb UK Gth 98.85 105.7 +0.53 2.41
Holb Premier 42.45 45.38e -0.01 7.22
Holb Smlr Cos 69.58 74.41e+0.04 2.03
Holb Eqty Inc 68.79 73.57e+0.02 4.63
Holb Intl SC 52.48 56.12 -0.31 0.05

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Amer Inc 325.0 345.8 -0.11 0.79
Do Acc 355.8 384.5 -0.13 0.79
Smlr Cos 215.5 235.6 +0.58 1.58
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Pacific Basin 178.8 188.7 -4.0 2.45
Do 6% Wthd 81.14 86.69 .. 0.00
Finance/Prop 90.26 97.05 -0.68 2.53
Fxd/Conv 48.41 52.05e+0.13 7.75
Do Acc 98.18 103.4e+0.27 0.00
Equity Inc 118.3 126.8 -0.7 4.57
Do Acc 305.8 328.8 -1.3 0.00
High Yield Inc 119.8 128.8c -0.3 5.60
Do Acc 358.1 385.1e -1.0 0.00
Intl Inc 96.16 103.4c -0.67 1.22
Do Acc 100.7 108.2c -0.7 0.00
Preference Inc 45.89 53.65 -0.08 6.86
Do Acc 190.5 204.8 -0.3 0.00
Smlr Cos 74.55 80.16e+0.04 2.88
Do Acc 83.16 89.45e -0.11 0.00
Pres Canada 51.30 51.57 -1.14 0.08
Pres Commod 59.24 55.54 +5.11 0.07
Pres Europe 113.1 113.7 +1.4 0.00
Pres Global 52.14 52.45 -0.11 4.95
Pres Gold 37.67 37.86 -0.16 0.13
Pres HK 36.04 36.22 -3.34 0.09
Pres Jap 138.3 137.0 -1.2 0.00
Pres Sing/M 52.07 52.33 -1.28 0.08
Pres UK 102.2 102.7 +1.0 1.24
Pres US 78.97 79.37 -1.15 1.18
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Do Acc 60.30 63.48 +0.61 0.00

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Capit 123.7 131.5 -1.2 0.94
Commod 74.95 79.73 -0.66 6.80
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Financial Secs 121.1 128.8c -1.5 2.62
High Return 250.8 266.5 -2.2 4.66
High Yield 229.9 228.2 -2.2 4.37
Inc Units 132.1 140.5 -1.1 3.80
Investment 126.9 134.8e -1.3 1.72
Jap Growth 133.4 141.9 +0.8 0.00
Jap Smlr Cos 155.9 165.8 +1.6 0.00
Masterfund 38.17 40.63 -0.25 2.62
Scotbits 176.0 187.2 -2.5 2.11
Scotshares 242.0 257.4c -1.7 2.72
Scotyields 214.2 227.8 -0.8 4.79
Select Intl 102.9 109.4e -0.9 3.73
Smlr Cos Inc 258.7 275.2 -3.4 4.42
Spec Sits 144.8 154.0 -1.0 1.22
UK Equity 242.2 255.5 -1.8 2.18
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Equity Strat 55.80 59.43 +0.09 2.67
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UK Smlr Cos 62.54 55.35 -0.11 2.89

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UK Sm Cos Eq 246.2 262.0c -0.3 2.48
European 225.4 239.8e -2.3 1.38
N Amer 148.4 157.9e -0.5 1.65
Inc Plus 60.36 64.24 +0.12 5.50
UK Spec Sit 72.53 77.16 +0.21 2.51

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Global Inc Acc 21.55 23.07e -0.03 4.76
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Pension Charit £13.06 13.69 .. 3.70
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UK Sml Cos Ex 113.2 120.4 +0.4 2.08

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Equity Gth Acc 37.80 40.18 -0.28 2.45
Equity High Inc 35.98 38.23e -0.23 5.05
Equity Genrl 31.74 33.72 -0.30 2.80
Do Acc 37.67 40.02 -0.36 2.80
G/F Intnl Inc 26.48 27.86e+0.03 8.01
O'seas Lgr Acc 225.1 244.2 -1.2 1.27
Nth Amer Acc 29.13 30.91 +0.01 1.10
Far East Acc 50.30 53.34 -0.22 0.00
Euro Acc 29.83 31.69 +0.03 1.26
UK Lgr Inc 222.9 241.8 -1.8 3.73
Do Acc 251.0 272.3 -1.9 3.73

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
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Do Acc 295.4 315.4 +0.3 0.55
Do Wthdl 155.2 165.1 +0.2 0.55
Australian Inc 171.1 182.2e -2.3 0.86
Do Acc 177.0 188.3e -2.4 0.88
British Inc 829.7 883.7 +3.8 4.44
Do Acc £13.68 14.48 +0.32 4.44
Euro Inc 306.1 325.5 -6.5 0.20
Do Acc 324.4 343.4 -6.5 0.20
Jap Inc 97.83 104.1 -0.25 0.00
Do Acc 98.61 104.3 -0.25 0.30
Smlr Cos PPP 235.1 247.8 .. ..

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NAm Acc 66.92 71.19 -0.14 1.09
Far East Acc 123.3 131.2 -0.7 0.39
W'wide Bond 48.26 51.95e -0.18 6.87
European 67.13 80.76 +0.26 1.35
Equity Inc 73.24 77.91c +1.32 4.66
W'wide Tech 48.56 51.68 -0.25 0.64
W'wide Fincl 45.70 48.62 -0.05 2.01

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UK Income 37.23 39.60e -0.31 3.73
Do Gth 32.70 34.78 -0.34 1.52
W'wide 24.28 25.82 -0.07 0.82

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Do Acc 135.7 144.4 -0.31 1.09
Br Gth Inc 64.10 68.19 +0.48 2.59
Do Acc 67.80 72.13 +0.49 2.59
Euro Inc 62.59 66.59 +1.04 2.07
Do Acc 64.43 68.49 +1.10 2.07
Extra Inc Inc 167.2 177.8 +0.67 5.02
Do Acc 219.8 233.7 +0.88 5.02
Genrl Unit Inc 207.0 220.2 +2.87 2.81
Do Acc 364.2 387.4 +5.04 2.81
Inc Trust 305.5 325.1c +2.03 4.48
Do Acc 521.4 554.7c +3.45 4.48
Intl 390.4 415.3e +3.04 0.82
Do Acc 494.7 526.2e -3.85 0.82
Pacific 270.2 287.5 -3.44 0.00
Do Acc 281.0 298.9 -3.56 0.00
Premier Inc 47.12 49.09e -0.10 7.13
Do Acc 74.68 77.79e -0.17 7.13
Natrl Resrcs 70.39 74.83e -0.47 2.92
Do Acc 74.80 79.52e -0.51 2.92
Selected Opps 90.25 95.86 +1.33 1.88
Do Accum 103.6 110.2 +1.52 1.88

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Australian 7.64 8.18 -0.20 0.98
Commod 92.83 99.46 -1.33 0.00
Equity 171.3 185.1 +0.6 3.84
Equity Exmpt 133.7 144.0e .. 1.98
Equity Ex Acc 258.1 278.0e .. 1.98
Euro Spec Sits 100.7 108.3e +0.8 0.84
Convertible 147.4 159.2e -3.1 6.27
Financial 32.56 35.16e -0.42 2.36
Global Inc 68.39 73.56 -0.46 0.76
Do Acc 68.91 74.11 -0.46 0.76
Gold Inc 43.22 46.52 -0.37 0.00
Do Acc 86.22 86.19 -0.58 0.00
Income 110.0 118.7c +0.1 4.30
Japan 157.5 169.2 +0.7 0.00
Pacific Inc 142.3 153.0 -1.8 0.00
Do Acc 176.3 189.8 -2.3 0.00
Pref Share 25.29 27.21e .. 7.80
UK Capit 102.4 110.3 +0.7 1.32
Spec Sits 101.8 109.9 +0.3 1.88
World Cap 173.5 188.4 -0.1 1.85
World Inc 60.34 64.69e -0.48 4.72

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Am Opp Dist 45.26 52.58 +0.04 1.05
Do Acc 50.72 54.09 +0.04 1.05
Euro Opp Dist 51.60 55.03 +0.75 0.00
Do Acc 51.31 54.72 +0.74 0.00
F East Opp Di 119.0 126.9 -1.38 0.00
Do Acc 118.8 127.8 -1.40 0.00
Gold Opp Inc 39.72 42.35 +0.18 2.59
Do Acc 40.05 42.57 +0.18 2.59
Intl Hi Yld Dist 52.40 56.33 -0.23 4.98
Do Acc 55.57 59.26 -0.23 4.98
Sanyo Jap Dist 67.76 72.27e+0.54 0.00
Do Acc 67.76 72.27e+0.54 0.00
Kangaroo Dist 29.38 31.31e -0.36 0.00
Do Acc 29.53 31.49e -0.36 0.00
Orient Inc Dist 30.18 32.19 -0.34 5.71
Do Acc 32.91 35.09 -0.37 5.71
Pac Tech Dist 64.10 68.36 -0.09 0.00
Do Acc 64.62 68.91 -0.09 0.00
Tiger Dist 125.8 134.2e -4.29 0.84
Do Acc 128.2 136.7e -4.37 0.84
UK Hi Yld Dist 45.08 48.07e+0.12 5.37
Do Acc 50.84 54.22e+0.12 5.37
UK Opp Dist 54.56 58.56 -0.17 5.07
Do Acc 59.38 63.50 -0.08 5.07

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Eur Spec Sit 32.68 34.84 +0.17 0.00
Do Acc 33.23 35.43 +0.18 0.00
Genrl Growth 74.20 78.83 -0.08 2.55
Global Tech 66.39 73.78e+0.07 0.00
Inc Growth 85.86 91.34 -0.11 4.44
Inc Monthly 63.13 67.51e -0.17 5.86
Jap Growth 82.06 87.23c +0.19 0.00
Mar Equity Inc 30.32 32.41 +0.11 2.87
Do Acc 31.65 33.84 +0.11 2.87
O'seas Gth 55.80 63.89e -0.28 0.00
Smlr Cos 100.7 107.7 .. 2.19
Spec Opp 117.2 125.3 +0.1 2.33
WW Spec Sits 31.21 33.37 -0.13 0.08
Do Accum 31.24 33.41 -0.13 0.08

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Pacific Perf 145.0 155.0 -3.2 0.40
Intl Gth 79.36 84.87c -0.81 1.00
Inc Tst 129.1 138.0e -0.7 4.70
Jap Gth 228.8 244.8 +0.4 0.10
Sml Co 152.5 163.1 .. 1.40
Technology 32.96 35.25e -0.32 0.10
Australia 62.02 66.33 -1.54 3.30
UK 177.7 190.0e +1.1 2.60
Euro Gth 62.17 66.49 +0.17 0.10
Hong Kong 33.82 36.28 -4.84 1.80
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UNLISTED SECURITIES

1989 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 93.1 (day's range 93.1-93.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for May 25

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.5790-1.5820	1.5810-1.5820	0.56-0.53pr	1.65-1.60pr
Montrl	1.8970-1.9142	1.9106-1.9142	0.13-0.07pr	0.32-0.25pr
Amstrdm	3.5479-3.5595	3.5501-3.5540	2-1¾pr	5¾-5⅝pr
Brussels	65.89-66.22	65.94-66.14	33-29pr	91-83pr
Copngn	12.2623-12.3024	12.2725-12.2842	5⅝-4⅝pr	13⅝-12⅝pr
Dublin	1.1751-1.1848	1.1778-1.1788	62-55pr	141-127pr
Frankft	3.1488-3.1581	3.1509-3.1545	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅛-5pr
Lisbon	259.15-261.03	260.07-261.03	3-53ds	45-174ds
Madrid	196.44-197.33	196.44-196.88	22-11pr	27-8pr
Milan	2279.87-2288.43	2282.17-2285.20	4-2pr	10-8pr
Oslo	11.3365-11.3576	11.3476-11.3586	3-2⅝pr	8⅛-7⅝pr
Paris	10.6857-10.7030	10.6765-10.6912	4⅝-4⅛pr	12⅝-12⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.5658-10.6010	10.5911-10.6010	2⅛-2pr	6⅛-5⅝pr
Tokyo	223.84-224.49	224.19-224.49	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅝-4⅛pr
Vienna	22.13-22.22	22.14-22.17	12⅝-11⅛pr	35-32⅝pr
Zurich	2.7715-2.7939	2.7715-2.7764	1⅝-1⅛pr	4-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	299.56-299.92
Australia dollar	2.0784-2.0826
Bahrain dinar	0.5910-0.5990
Brazil cruzado *	1.7778-1.7969
Cyprus pound	0.7980-0.8080
Finland marka	7.0090-7.0750
Greece drachma	267.15-270.35
Hong Kong dollar	12.264-12.277
India rupee	25.54-25.84
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4660-0.4720
Malaysia ringgit	4.2433-4.2479
Mexico peso	3795-3895
New Zealand dollar	2.6407-2.6513
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8765-5.9585
Singapore dollar	3.0796-3.0833
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5717-6.7153
S Africa rand (com)	4.3716-4.3792
U A E dirham	5.7550-5.8350

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3375-1.3390	Denmark	7.7800-7.7850	Italy	1446.5-1447.5
Singapore	1.9535-1.9545	W Germany	1.9965-1.9975	Belgium (Com)	41.81-41.86
Malaysia	2.6920-2.6930	Switzerland	1.7655-1.7665	Hong Kong	7.7795-7.7825
Australia	1.3183-1.3201	Netherlands	2.2505-2.2520	Portugal	164.35-164.65
Canada	1.2080-1.2090	France	6.7660-6.7700	Spain	124.00-124.10
Sweden	6.7075-6.7125	Japan	142.00-142.10	Austria	14.00-14.01
Norway	7.1850-7.1900				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 14 Finance Hse 13½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14 Low 11 Week fixed: 13%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 13$^{19}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 13$^{15}/_{32}$
Selling: 2 mth – 13$^{17}/_{32}$ 3 mth – 13$^{3}/_{32}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13½-13$^{7}/_{16}$
2 mth: 13⅝-13$^{7}/_{16}$ 3 mth: 13½-13$^{3}/_{16}$ 6 mth 13-12$^{15}/_{16}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14¼
2 mth: 14¼ 3 mth: 14⅛ 6 mth 13⅝
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13½ close 13⅝
1 week: 13⅝-13¾ 1 mth: 13⅝-13⅞ 3 mth: 13$^{21}/_{32}$-13⅞
6 mth: 13$^{15}/_{16}$-⅞ 9 mth: 13⅞-13¾ 12 mth: 13$^{13}/_{16}$-13⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 13¾ 7 day: 13⅝ 1 mth: 13⅝
3 mth: 13⅞ 6 mth: 13$^{13}/_{16}$ 12 mth: 13$^{11}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13⅝-13⅞
3 mth: 13⅝-13⅞ 6 mth: 13⅝-13⅞ 12 mth 13½-13⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.80-9.55
3 mth: 9.50-9.45 6 mth: 9.50-9.45 12 mth 9.50-9.45
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13¾-13⅞ 2 mth: 13⅞-13⅝ 3 mth: 13⅝-13⅞
6 mth: 13⅝-13⅞ 9 mth: 13⅝-13⅞ 12 mth: 13⅝-13½

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	9$^{11}/_{16}$-9$^{7}/_{16}$	9⅝-9½	9$^{9}/_{16}$-9$^{7}/_{16}$	9$^{9}/_{16}$-9$^{7}/_{16}$
Call: 9⅝-8⅝				
Deutschemark:	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$	6$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7$^{1}/_{16}$	7⅝-7$^{1}/_{16}$
Call: 6-5				
French Franc:	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8⅜	9-8⅞	9$^{1}/_{16}$-8$^{15}/_{16}$
Call: 8⅞-7⅞				
Swiss Franc:	7$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	8$^{1}/_{16}$-7$^{15}/_{16}$	8$^{1}/_{16}$-7$^{15}/_{16}$	8$^{1}/_{16}$-7$^{15}/_{16}$
Call: 6½-5⅞				
Yen:	5⅛-5⅜	5⅛-5⅜	5⅛-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜
Call: 4½-3⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $363.50-364.00 Close: $364.00-364.50
High: $364.25-364.75 Low: $362.75-363.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $375.00-379.00 (£237.00-240.00)
Krugerrand: $363.00-366.00 (£229.50-231.50)
Mapleleaf (1/oz): $375.00-379.00 (£237.00-240.00)
American Eagles: $375.00-379.00 (£237.00-240.00)
New Sovereigns: $85.50-88.50 (£54.00-54.75)
Old Sovereigns: $85.50-86.50 (£54.00-54.75)
Platinum: $494.25 (£313.40)
Palladium: $147.85 (£93.75)
Silver: $5.26-5.28 (£3.325-3.340)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 28, 1989. Agreed rates May 24, 1989 to June 25, 1989. Scheme I: 13.98 per cent. Schemes II & III: 14.43 per cent. Reference rate April 1, 1989 to April 28, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.209 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 15196		
Jun 89	214.00	218.00	213.40	214.30	4981
Sep 89	218.80	219.50	218.80	218.80	83
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 93084		
Jun 89	86.12	86.12	85.95	86.07	11779
Sep 89	86.43	86.50	86.28	86.43	33160
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 66695		
Jun 89	90.57	90.62	90.51	90.53	3717
Sep 89	90.88	90.95	90.81	90.84	11224
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 14453		
Jun 89	92.69	92.69	92.62	92.63	1382
Sep 89	92.56	92.59	92.51	92.52	1748

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 10885		
Jun 89	92-19	93-03	92-09	92-18	5870
Sep 89	92-17	92-17	92-10	92-15	354
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 26368		
Jun 89	94-15	94-26	94-05	94-14	17401
Sep 89	95-14	95-23	95-08	95-18	4007
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1027		
Jun 89	103.73	103.94	103.73	103.79	23
Sep 89	102.72	102.84	102.67	102.76	335
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 45411		
Jun 89	93.08	93.23	93.08	93.17	9527
Sep 89	92.72	92.89	92.72	92.82	3082

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group
Despite Far East and European misgivings, crude oil prices retained their American inspired gains with WTI continuing to show greater strength. Fuel oil led the advances seen in the products market.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.10	+5
15 day Jun	18.10	-5
15 day Jul	17.65	+10
WTI Jul	19.70	+10
WTI Aug	18.85	+15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT, Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+2	242-244	+2
Gasoil EEC		150-152	+1
Non 1H Jun	+1	148-149	+1
Non 1H Jul	+2	144-145	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil	+4	89-92	+4
Naphtha	+3	188-190	+3

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
My 89 Hi 1680-1670 Low Close 1670
Jun 89 Hi 1480-1456 Low Close 1480
Jul 89 Hi 1384-1350 Low Close 1384
Oct 89 Hi 1470-1440 Low Close 1470
Vol 1011 lots Open interest 4896
Dry cargo index 1682 -30 on 24/5/89

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL G W Joynson
Jun 145.25-45.00
Jul 143.75-43.50
Aug 143.75-43.50
Sep 144.50-44.25
Oct 147.00-45.00
Nov 147.25-45.00
Dec 147.00-45.50
Vol 6846
BRENT G W Joynson
Jul 17.67-17.65
Aug 17.35 SLR
Vol 8918

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov		97.5 98.5
Feb	109.0	110.5
Apr	178.0	176.2
May	195.5	191.3

Vol 455

LONDON FOX
COCOA G W Joynson
May 915-900 Mar 870-868
Jul 820-818 May 874-873
Sep 835-833 Jul 885-884
Dec 877-876 Vol 10200
COFFEE G W Joynson
May 1219-1206 Jan 1140-1135
Jul 1209-1205 Mar 1143-1136
Sep 1168-1157 May 1145-1138
Nov 1140-1135 Vol 2909
SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 3245
Aug 249.6-50.2 Mar 243.6-44.0
Oct 250.0-50.4 May 242.6-43.2
Dec 245.0-49.0 Aug 241.0-43.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 164
Jn 112.75 Sp 104.90 Nv 107.20
Ja 110.20 Mr 113.20 My 116.45
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 31
Sp 103.30 Nv 106.20 Ja 109.10
Mr 111.85 My 113.35
SOYABEAN
Jun 151.0-52.0 Feb 149.0-54.0
Aug 147.5-48.5 Apr 149.0-54.0
Oct 148.0-48.5 Jun 147.0-52.0
Dec 148.0-52.0 Vol 853

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1817.0-1818.0	1830.0-1831.0	[illegible]	Steadier
Lead	416.0-417.0	415.50-414.00	4285	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1635.0-1636.0	1595.0-1596.0	54150	Steadier
Silver Large†	516.00-518.00	522.00-524.00	100	Quiet
Silver Small†	516.00-518.00	522.00-524.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2115.0-2117.0	1995.0-2000.0	333400	Steadier
Nickel*	12450-12500	12075-12100	13488	Steady

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	109.8	109.3
Aug	109.0	108.3
Oct	112.3	112.0
Feb	108.3	107.8

Live Cattle Contract

Jun	unq.	unq.
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on May 25

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	83.80	222.53	118.58
GB (+/-)	-4.84	*-45.38	-2.55
Eng/Wal (%)	-15.7	-18.8	-27.4
Eng/Wal (p)	83.80	222.15	118.74
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-4.84	-45.88	-2.52
Scotland (%)	n/a	+17.3	-5.7
Scotland (p)	n/a	229.14	117.87
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	-35.74	-2.48

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Law Report May 26 1989 House of Lords

ILEA's 'political' dismissal of school governors was unlawful

Regina v Inner London Education Authority, Ex parte Brunyate and Another

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Lowry

[Speeches May 25]

The removal by Inner London Education Authority of two governors of two voluntary controlled schools because they refused to vote in accordance *with ILEA's wishes* as to the future of the schools was a usurpation of the governors' independent function and an unlawful exercise of the power of removal under section 21 of the Education Act 1944.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by ILEA from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Woolf) (*The Times* March 7, 1989) who by a majority (Lord Justice Balcombe dissenting) had allowed an appeal by the governors, Mrs Margaret Isabel Brunyate and Mr John Leonard Hunt, MP, from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Pill) (*The Times* February 11, 1989). The Divisional Court had dismissed the governors' motion for judicial review of ILEA's decision to remove them.

Section 21(1) of the 1944 Act, as amended by the Education Act 1980, section 1(3) and Schedule 1, paragraph 5, provides:

"Any governor . . . of a voluntary school may resign his office, and any such governor appointed by a local education authority . . . shall be removable by the authority . . .".

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Alan Wilkie for ILEA; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Ian Croxford for the governors; Mr John Laws and Miss Alison Foster for the Secretary of State for Education and Science (appearing by leave of the House of Lords).

LORD BRIDGE said that the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School and Girls' School were voluntary controlled schools established under sections 9 and 15 of the 1944 Act. The school premises were the property of a charity of which the Haberdashers' Company were trustees ("*the foundation*").

The schools were governed in accordance with an arrangement made under section 20 and articles of government made under section 17(3) of the 1944 Act by a single governing body.

There were 21 governors of whom seven were appointed by the foundation, two were teachers and two were parents, one teacher and one parent being elected by the bodies of teachers and parents at each school, and the remaining 10 ("*authority governors*") were appointed by ILEA, by whom the schools were maintained.

Authority governors were appointed for a term of four years. By convention, they had in the past been appointed in proportion to the representation of the main political parties on ILEA.

Prior to the events giving rise to the present litigation there had been eight authority governors representing the Labour interest and two, Mrs Brunyate and Mr Hunt, representing the Conservative interest.

The Education Reform Act 1988 provided for the abolition of ILEA on April 1, 1990 (section 162), and the introduction of two new types of schools, namely grant-maintained schools (section 52) and city technology colleges ("*CTCs*") (section 105).

In May 1988, the governing body of the Haberdashers' Aske's Schools had decided to institute a process of consultation with interested parties concerning their future.

There had been three options: that they should remain voluntary controlled schools, which would mean that after April 1, 1990, they would be maintained by the London Borough of Lewisham; that they should become grant-maintained schools, which would mean that they would be maintained by the secretary of state; or that they should become CTCs.

The first option was favoured by ILEA, the third by the foundation. Unhappily, the issue, as so much in the field of education today, was one of acute political controversy.

The governing body had issued a consultation document in July 1988 describing the implications of the three options and inviting views on their merits by December 17, 1988.

The document had indicated that the governors, in the light of views expressed in the first stage of consultation, expected to identify the option that they proposed to follow by mid-January 1989 so that interested parties could express further views on the chosen option by March 1, 1989.

The governors had indicated that they would not feel able to proceed with any option that was opposed by a clear majority of current parents and staff.

On November 3, 1988, ILEA had written to all authority governors asking them to indicate that they would support an extension of the consultation period and that, during that period, they would provisionally support ILEA's policy that the schools should retain their existing status as voluntary controlled schools. Mrs Brunyate and Mr Hunt had declined to give either indication.

On December 13, 1988, the governing body had resolved not to extend the consultation period, Mrs Brunyate and Mr Hunt voting with the majority to that effect.

ILEA had continued to press the governing body for an extension and on December 22 had written to Mrs Brunyate and Mr Hunt noting that they had not acceded to its previous request and that they had voted against extending the consultation period and indicating that it was minded to consider their removal from the governing body.

They had both replied that they had open minds about the schools' future, which they would consider on the merits. On January 17, 1989, ILEA had resolved that they be removed from the governing body.

As appeared from the judgment of Lord Justice Woolf, ILEA had exercised its statutory power to remove Mrs Brunyate and Mr Hunt not merely because of the difference that had arisen with respect to the length of the consultation period but also because it had believed it to be an appropriate means of seeking to ensure that its policy with respect to the future of the schools should prevail.

The question in the appeal was whether a local education authority's power to remove a governor of a voluntary school during the term for which he had been appointed might lawfully be exercised for the sole purpose of securing the implementation by the governing body of the local education authority's policy in relation to the affairs of the school.

The Divisional Court had held that a local education authority was entitled to have a policy in relation to the affairs of a voluntary school and to exercise its statutory power to remove governors whom it had appointed as a means of promoting the implementation of that policy.

Section 21(1) of the 1944 Act gave to those who appointed *governors of a voluntary school* a power to remove them that was on its face quite unfettered. It was accepted, of course, that the power had to be exercised reasonably, in the *Wednesbury* sense (*Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223)).

It was now, however, also accepted, his Lordship thought, that some further limitation on the power might be derived, as a matter of construction, from a consideration of the statutory machinery for the government of voluntary schools established by the 1944 Act.

It was unnecessary to refer to the provisions of the Act *in extenso* to make good the proposition that local education authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary schools were entirely distinct and independent entities each having their own separate statutory duties and powers. That was most graphically illustrated by section 67(1).

Just as the governing bodies of voluntary schools were independent of local education authorities, so also, it was accepted, individual governors, so long as they held office as such, had both the right and the duty to exercise the function of their office independently in accordance with their own judgment.

It followed implicitly, although it had not in terms been conceded, that the power of removal could not be exercised in a way that would amount to a usurpation of the governors' independent role.

For present purposes, the most important section in the 1944 Act was section 14, which provided machinery for the discontinuance of a voluntary school.

In the instant case, discontinuance of the schools as voluntary controlled schools would be a necessary preliminary step to be taken before they could be re-established as CTCs by agreement between the foundation and the secretary of state under section 105 of the 1988 Act.

It was clear from section 14 that the institution of action to discontinue a voluntary school *lay solely within the province of* the governing body.

It had rightly and inevitably been conceded by Mr Goudie that governors were in no sense delegates of the authority by whom they had been appointed and could not be required to vote on any particular matter as the authority wished.

He had conceded further that, if a local education authority were regularly to ask all the governors of a voluntary school in relation to the conduct of the affairs of the school to indicate their willingness to vote in accordance with the wishes of the authority and to remove those governors who declined to give the necessary indication, that would be an abuse of the power of removal.

That, he said, would be unreasonable in the *Wednesbury* sense, but there was nothing, he had submitted, either unreasonable or contrary to the policy that underlay the statutory scheme for the government of voluntary schools if the authority, on an issue of sufficient importance to the future of a school, removed governors who were unwilling to vote as the authority wished.

The difficulty that his Lordship found with that argument was to see where, if it was accepted, any line could be drawn by the courts to distinguish between lawful and unlawful exercise of the power of removal.

If a local education authority always required an indication in advance from all governors appointed by it that they would vote as the authority wished and removed them if they did not comply, it would wholly usurp the governors' independent function.

Mr Goudie had accepted that such an exercise of the power would be unreasonable and *therefore unlawful*. The lawfulness or unlawfulness of removal of the non-compliant governors could not, however, it seemed to his Lordship, depend on the reasonableness or relative importance in any particular case of the view that the local education authority sought to impose on the governing body.

On all matters of education policy, whether of major or of minor importance and whether affecting the day-to-day conduct or the long-term future of a voluntary school, the local education authority might perfectly reasonably entertain views that some of the governors it had appointed might not share.

So far as reasonableness in the *Wednesbury* sense was concerned, if it was reasonable for the authority to exercise the power of removal in one case, as a means of enforcing its own view, the courts could not say that it was unreasonable in another.

His Lordship did not, however, believe that it was a matter of reasonableness. The true view was that to allow removal in any case of non-compliant governors on the grounds of their non-compliance with the authority's wishes was inevitably to allow a usurpation of the governors' independent function, which, on the true construction of the 1944 Act, was an unlawful exercise of the power conferred by section 21.

A further argument had been addressed to their Lordships for ILEA seeking to draw an analogy between a decision of the local education authority not to re-appoint a governor on the expiry of his four-year term and a decision to remove him at any time during that term.

The authority had a wholly unfettered discretion as to whom it would appoint or re-appoint. Therefore, the argument had run, towards the end of a governor's term the authority could ensure compliance by a threat not to re-appoint and in substance that was equivalent to removal for non-compliance.

The argument seemed to his Lordship fallacious and without substance. Precisely because the decision whether or not to re-appoint was unfettered and unchallengeable, whereas the decision to remove under section 21 had to be exercised on lawful grounds, there was no analogy between the two situations.

Although it had not featured in the argument relied on by ILEA, reference had been made to article 11(a) of the schools' articles of government, which provided:

"The local education authority shall determine the general educational character of the schools and their place in the local educational system. Subject thereto the governors shall have the general direction of the conduct and curriculum of the schools."

His Lordship expressed no opinion as to whether that provision conferred any legally enforceable right on the local education authority, as such, that it might exercise in opposition to any action taken by the governing body to effect the discontinuance of the schools as voluntary controlled schools pursuant to section 14 of the 1944 Act.

What it could not do was to enable the local education authority to exercise indirect control over discontinuance by an unlawful exercise of the power *to remove authority governors* under section 21.

In the light of the views that he had expressed, his Lordship found it difficult to see how the reasoning of Mr Justice Simon Brown in *R v Trustee of Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, Ex parte Mars* ((1987) 86 LGR 507), which the Divisional Court had followed and applied, could be supported.

However, that case had arisen from different facts and turned on different statutory provisions. Their Lordships had been told that leave had now been granted out of time to appeal against the decision. In the circumstances, it would be inappropriate to express any concluded view as to its correctness.

Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Jauncey and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Clive L. Grace; Field Fisher & Martineau; Treasury Solicitor.

Unregistered renewal covenant void

Phillips v Mobil Oil Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment May 19]

A renewal covenant in a lease under which the lessee was granted an option to renew the lease for a further term was an estate contract within the definition in section 10(1) of the Land Charges Act 1925 (now section 2(4) of the Land Charges Act 1972) and was therefore void as against a purchaser of a legal estate for money or money's worth unless it was registered as a class C(iv) land charge.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the defendant company, Mobil Oil Co Ltd, from Judge Leonard Bromley, QC, who, sitting as a judge of the High Court on July 8, 1988, had granted the plaintiff, Mr David Stanley Edward Phillips, a declaration that options to renew contained in two leases granted to the defendant by the plaintiff's predecessor in title were void as against the plaintiff and all persons claiming through or under him.

Section 10(1) of the Land Charges Act 1925 provides for the registration as a class C(iv) land charge of "Any contract by an estate owner or by a person entitled at the date of the contract to have a legal estate conveyed to him to convey or create a legal estate, including a contract conferring either expressly or by statutory implication a valid option to purchase, a right of pre-emption or any other like right (in this Act referred to as "an estate contract")."

Mr William Poulton for the defendant; Mr Simon Berry for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that in 1961 the original lessor had granted the defendant a 25-year lease of a petrol filling station which contained, in unexceptional form, a covenant by the lessor to grant the lessee at its request a further term of 25 years.

The lessor had subsequently sold the property, subject to the lease, to a company which mortgaged its interest to a bank which had sold it on to the plaintiff, to whose company the defendant had nine months previously granted a three-year underlease.

In consequence the plaintiff owned the freehold, subject to the lease, and his company occupied the property and carried on a petrol filling station business there as undertenant from the defendant.

The plaintiff had refused to grant the defendant a new 25-year term pursuant to the covenant in the lease on the ground that it had never been registered in the land charges register and the company which had purchased the freehold from the original lessor had therefore acquired the reversion free from the burden of the option.

It was common ground that section 10 required to be registered: (i) agreements conferring an option to purchase a freehold or leasehold interest in land, (ii) agreements to grant a lease and (iii) agreements conferring an option to acquire a lease.

The plaintiff contended, however, that section 10 did not apply to a renewal option contained in a lease, even though he conceded that it did apply to an option contained in a lease to buy the reversion.

The *rationale* of that distinction was that, whereas a tenant's option to purchase the reversion was not a covenant which touched or concerned the demised land and its burden did not run with the reversion (see *Woodall v Clifton* ([1905] 2 Ch 257) and section 142 of the Law of Property Act 1925), an option to renew did run with the reversion (see *Isteed v Stoneley* ((1580) 1 And 82), *Roe d Bamford v Hayley* ((1810) 10 East 464) and *Muller v Trafford* ([1901] 1 Ch 54, 60)).

It was submitted that where the option did not run with the reversion, purchasers of the reversion before 1926 would only have been bound by the option if they had notice of it, that requirement of notice being replaced by registration by the 1925 property legislation; but that with an option to renew the burden of which did run with the reversion notice had no application before 1926 and, hence, no question arose of introducing a requirement of registration in place of notice.

That line of argument did not furnish a compelling reason for construing the definition of estate contract in section 10 of the Land Charges Act 1925 in the manner contended for by the defendant.

His task would have been easier had he been able to submit that no option conferring a right to the grant of a lease fell within the definition or that no option of any kind contained in a lease did so.

He had rightly eschewed both submissions and in consequence had been driven to advancing a construction for which the language of section 10 provided no support.

In the result the defendant's argument had been based on context and legislative antecedents. The context relied on was the distinction between covenants which ran with the land and those which did not.

That was not a sufficiently clear indication of what Parliament had to be taken to have intended for it to be right to read the statutory definition as containing an unexpressed but implicit exclusion of renewal covenants in leases; if that had been intended it could so easily have been said.

There was no inconsistency in Parliament enacting section 142 of the Law of Property Act 1925 and leaving untouched the principle that a renewal covenant in a lease ran with the reversion, and at the same time intending that in future, unless registered, such a covenant should be void as against one category of successors in title to the original lessor, namely, purchasers of a legal estate for money or money's worth.

Recourse to the legislative antecedents of consolidating statutes was only to be had where there was real and substantial difficulty and ambiguity which classical methods of construction could not resolve (see *Farrell v Alexander* ([1977] AC 59, 73), and since the Land Charges Act 1925 was such an Act his Lordship embarked on the exercise only with considerable doubt.

In any event those antecedents shed no clear light, either way, on the point of construction under consideration.

Authority apart, his Lordship was unable to accept the arguments based on context and antecedents, and in his view a renewal covenant in a lease fell within the definition of estate contract in section 10 of the Land Charges Act 1925.

The point was not, however, free from authority. In *Beesly v Hallwood Estates Ltd* ([1960] 1 WLR 549) Mr Justice Buckley had decided that a renewal covenant was registrable as an estate contract, and in *Taylor Fashions Ltd v Liverpool Victoria Trustees Co Ltd* ([1982] QB 133) Mr Justice Oliver had followed that decision, saying that it had been followed for 18 years and that he would not have felt able to depart from it even if he had been minded to do so. The same course had been followed by the judge in this case.

For nearly 30 years *Beesly* had been noted in the standard practitioners' textbooks and acted upon by practitioners in a field where certainty as to the state of the law was of great importance, and his Lordship would be very slow to overrule it.

He was relieved to find that his own view on the interpretation of the definition of "estate contract" in section 10 did not result in any disturbance of the established conveyancing position, and derived comfort from noting that since 1960 Parliament had revisited the Land Charges Act more than once and had not reversed the *Beesly* decision.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice May agreed.

Solicitors: Metson Cross & Co; Ames Kent Rathmell & Walters, Westbury.

Representation no bar to arbitration

Russell v Wilson

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment May 25]

Where a county court claim was referred automatically for arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Order 19 of the County Court Rules 1981, the mere fact that the parties were insured in respect of liability and legal costs, and were therefore legally represented did not render it unreasonable that the claim should proceed to such arbitration.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Philip Michael Russell, from decision of Judge Fawcus at Altrincham County Court, who, on September 21, 1987 had affirmed the registrar's refusal of the plaintiff's application to rescind the automatic reference to arbitration of his claim against the defendant, Stuart Thomas Wilson.

Mr John Mitting, QC and Mr Ian Dove for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Kershaw, QC and Mr Michael Black for the defendant.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the nominal parties were the respective owners of two motor cars which collided with one another. The real parties were two, or possibly three, insurance companies and the appeal was brought as a test case.

The plaintiff had taken out legal expenses insurance. His insurers were Allianz Legal Protection Insurance Co. He also had third party motor insurance, his insurers being Paladin Insurance Association Ltd.

The defendant might or might not have legal expenses insurance. If he had his insurers had not made themselves known. He certainly had third party motor insurance, his insurers being Orion Insurance Co.

Following the accident, solicitors instructed by Allianz had issued proceedings on behalf of the plaintiff claiming £263.50. Solicitors instructed on behalf of Orion filed a defence on behalf of the defendant denying liability.

The registrar had made no special order and the claim had stood referred to arbitration under Order 19, rule 2 of the County Court Rules.

On such a reference the arbitrator had complete discretion as to costs subject to Order 19, rule 6 which provided: "No solicitors' charges shall be allowed as between party and party in respect of any proceedings referred to arbitration . . . except — (a) the costs which were stated on the summons . . . (b) the costs of enforcing the award, and (c) such further costs as the arbitrator may direct where there has been unreasonable conduct . . ."

Therein lay the rub from the point of view of Allianz. The proceedings covered by their legal expenses insurance would often be incurred in connection with small claims which were the subject of automatic reference to arbitration.

If they were unable to recover the solicitors' charges they had incurred there might be a significant effect on their profit or the premium which they had to charge.

Allianz had applied in the plaintiff's name to have the reference to arbitration rescinded under Order 19, rule 2(4). The registrar had refused and Allianz had given notice that they would appeal to the judge.

It had rightly been conceded *in the Court of Appeal that* insurers were identified with the parties whom they had insured. That identification lay at the root of the doctrine of subrogation and explained why an insurer, who had paid his insured, had to sue in the name of the insured.

The argument was that it was unreasonable for a claim to proceed to arbitration if it was of such a nature that both parties were likely to be insured and were insured in respect of the legal costs.

In the end, Mr Mitting's real argument was that it was unreasonable that parties who, being insured, could afford to be and were represented by solicitors should be removed from the ambit of the ordinary rule that costs followed the event.

That argument his Lordship wholly rejected. The legislative policy was quite unaffected by whether either or both the litigants were paupers or millionaires — or were insured.

The claim was a small one giving rise to no questions of law or fact of exceptional complexity. No charge of fraud was in issue.

Only one of the parties wanted the dispute tried in court, and even if both parties had so wished the registrar would have had a discretion to refuse.

Finally it was not a case where the interests of third parties were affected.

The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Blakemores, Birmingham; Horwich Farrelly, Manchester.

Issue must be addressed but a specific finding not necessary

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Khan

Before Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment May 22]

While it was desirable it need not be inevitable for adjudicators to make specific findings as to whether, when a man was marrying a woman settled in this country and it was their intention to settle here thereafter, it was the intention of the parties to live together permanently as man and wife, provided that the issue had been determined.

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division, when dismissing an application for a writ of *certiorari* to quash the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal which had confirmed the entry officer's refusal to allow the applicant, *Mr Asven Khan, leave to enter.*

Mr Rembert de Mello for the applicant; Mr Michael Kent for the tribunal.

MR JUSTICE ROCH said that in the *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Kumar* (QB, unreported, February 23, 1989) and *R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Kaad* (QB, unreported, December 2, 1988) the adjudicators' decision had been overturned because there had been no specific finding on the rule under paragraph 41(b) of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (1983) (HC 169).

It was true that the adjudicator here had made no specific finding although he had said that there was a departure from the normal tradition in an arranged marriage of the wife settling in the husband's home and that this was an immigration marriage.

In his Lordship's judgment it was desirable to make specific findings in most cases in relation to paragraph 41(b) as to whether it was the couple's intention to live together permanently.

In that his Lordship would follow Mr Justice Henry in *Kaad* but he did not consider it inevitable that a specific finding *should be made where it was* clear that the adjudicator had adverted his mind to that issue.

Solicitors: Tyndallwoods, Birmingham; Treasury Solicitor.

Double taxation agreement exempts partners

Padmore v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment May 19]

The United Kingdom resident partners of a partnership managed and controlled in Jersey were not liable to United Kingdom income tax on their shares of the profits of the partnership. The double taxation relief arrangement made between the United Kingdom and Jersey applied to give exemption to *such partners.*

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by the Crown from the decision of Mr Justice Peter Gibson (*The Times* December 3, 1986; [1987] STC 36) that had allowed an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Maurice Padmore, from a determination of a special commissioner.

The Crown was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

The taxpayer, who was a resident of the United Kingdom, was a member of Computer Patent Annuities, a partnership that was controlled and managed in Jersey. That partnership, carrying on a business of furnishing a world-wide renewals service for patents and trade marks, had over 140 partners, the majority of whom resided in the United Kingdom.

The partnership had always been carried on from St Helier and its day-to-day management was undertaken by two of the partners who were resident in Jersey.

In 1979 a tax inspector refused to allow a claim by the taxpayer under section 497 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 for relief from Schedule D income tax on his share of the profits of the *partnership for the years from* 1975 to 1982 and the taxpayer had appealed to the special commissioner.

Paragraph 3(2) of the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Jersey) Order (SI 1952 No 1216) provides: "The industrial or commercial profits of a Jersey enterprise shall not be subject to United Kingdom tax unless the enterprise is engaged in trade or business in the United Kingdom through a permanenet establishment situated therein."

[Section 62 of the Finance (No 2) Act 1987 (now section 112 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988) enacted new provisions for United Kingdom members of partnerships controlled abroad.]

Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Peter Whiteman, QC and Mr Patrick Soares for the taxpayer.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the taxpayer's case was that his share of the partnership's profits fell within the words "the industrial or commercial profits *of a Jersy enterprise*" *in* paragraph 3(2).

By paragraph 2(h) "Jersey enterprise" was defined as "an industrial or commercial enterprise or undertaking carried on by a resident of Jersey". "Resident of Jersey" meant "any person who is resident in Jersey for the purpose of Jersey tax and not resident in the United Kingdom *for the purpose of* United Kingdom tax" (paragraph 2(f)). "Person" included any body of persons corporate or not corporate (see section 526(5) of the 1970 Act).

The Crown asserted, rightly, that if the taxpayer was to succeed he had to establish that (1) the partnership carried on an industrial or commercial undertaking; (2) the profits in question were commercial profits; (3) the taxpayer's profits as a partner were within the description "the commercial profits of the commercial enterprise or undertaking carried on by the partnership"; (4) the partnership was either (a) a person or (b) — taking the singular to include the plural — persons or (c) a non-corporate body of persons, and (5) the partnership was a person, persons or body of persons who was or were resident in Jersey for the purposes of Jersey tax and not resident in the United Kingdom for the purposes of United Kingdom tax.

The Crown accepted propositions (1) and (2) were established but asserted that (3), (4) and (5) were not.

Turning to proposition (4) first, was the partnership a person or persons or a non-corporate body of persons? Put another way was a partnership a "person" within the arrangement?

A partnership was, as a matter of ordinary English usage plainly a body of persons. The draftsman of the arrangement was giving a comprehensive definition of the word "person".

It was highly improbable that so common a vehicle for commercial activity as a partnership should have been intended to be excluded from an arrangement which was dealing with the taxation of the profits of a commercial enterprise and was not restricted to companies.

Thus the next question was whether the partnership was a body of persons which was resident in Jersey? The correct test of residence for a partnership was the location of management and control.

The reasonable inference was that Jersey law did attach tax consequences to the residence of a partnership and that a partnership which was managed and controlled in Jersey was resident there for Jersey tax law purposes.

The question raised by proposition (3) was whether paragraph 3(2) applied to the share of a partner resident in the United Kingdom of the profits of a Jersey partnership. The judge held that it did.

Paragraph 3(2) relieved from United Kingdom tax all the profits of a Jersey enterprise. That enterprise in the present case was a partnership.

The partnership was not an entity distinct from the partners. The profits belonged to them. There were no words in the paragraph to exclude an individual partner's share of the profits from the exemption. The exemption was in general terms and the greater included the less.

If a partner was entitled to a share of the income of the partnership and that income was itself exempted from United Kingdom tax then the partner's share was similarly exempted.

To accept the Crown's case and limit the exemption to the profits of the partnership and ignore the share of profits received by United Kingdom partners would involve writing words into the agreement which were not implicit and which would be necessary if the exemption given by the language of paragraph 3(2) was to be limited as the Crown had suggested.

The judge had reached the correct conclusion the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Stocker agreed and Lord Justice Staughton gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Needham & Grant.

No gains tax liability on unscrambling trust

Jenkins (Inspector of Taxes) v Brown and related appeals

Before Mr Justice Knox

[Judgment May 24]

A deed of rearrangement taking parcels of farm land out of a family settlement and returning them to those who had conveyed them to trustees did not give rise to any liability to capital gains tax.

Before the execution of the deed the members of the family had been absolutely entitled to the settled property as against the trustees and after the execution they had regained *land* having the same value as had their individual shares in the trust fund with the result that there was no disposal of assets for the purposes of the tax.

Mr Justice Knox so held in dismissing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of St Ives general commissioners that had discharged ten assessments to the tax raised on the taxpayers, Mr Thomas Brown, his two brothers, his two brothers-in-law and each of the trustees of the settlement.

In 1971 the taxpayers, then being a father, his three sons and two daughters, conveyed parcels of land totalling some 1,680 acres and which had been in their separate ownership to trustees for the purpose of "pooling" the family farms.

Under the terms of the deed of settlement the taxpayers received undivided unequal percentage shares in the trust fund that were intended to correspond to the value of the property that each had contributed.

It was common ground that the taxpayers were, within the meaning of section 46(1) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979, absolutely entitled as against the trustees to the settled property.

The pooling arrangement remained in force until following the father's death one son and the two daughters wished to have the land that they had contributed taken out of trust and returned to them.

Accordingly the deed of rearrangement to unscramble the trust was executed in 1980 and thereby identified areas of land were segregated from the settled property and distributed to the son and daughters respectively.

The remainder of the trust property was to continue to be held under the provisions of the 1971 deed in revised unequal shares for the two other sons.

The value of each taxpayer's share in the trust property immediately before the deed of rearrangement was the same as the value of the property withdrawn by that taxpayer or, in the case of the two sons, as the value of their rearranged shares in the reduced pool.

Ten assessments to capital gains tax were raised on the taxpayers for 1980-81 on the basis that on the execution of the deed of rearrangement there had been a disposal of assets, namely the undivided shares in the settled property.

Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr Grant Crawford for the taxpayers.

MR JUSTICE KNOX said that the assessments under appeal were raised on the five members of the Brown family and on the trustees of the settlement. The amount of tax involved was substantial.

The issue was one of principle and amounted to a question of whether or not the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Booth v Ellard* ([1980] 1 WLR 1443) extended not only to the subject matter of that case — a pooling of shares — but to a similar type *of pooling arrangement relating* to parcels of land.

The relevant legislation was in the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.

The tax was charged on capital gains accruing to a person on the disposal of assets. "Disposal" was nowhere defined. It was not disputed that both land and an undivided share in the proceeds of sale of land were "assets".

It was, moreover, accepted that the relationship between the taxpayers as beneficiaries and the holders of the legal estate was one of "absolute entitlement" within section 46(1) of the Act (assets held by nominees and bare trustees).

Mr Henderson had identified, correctly, the question at issue as whether or not the 1980 deed involved a disposal of assets by the ten persons assessed. The assets, he said were the undivided shares in the settled property which each taxpayer ceased to have as a result of the execution of the 1980 deed.

He accepted that the undivided shares in the pool were property falling within section 46(1) and also that by virtue of that provision the undivided shares had to be treated as vested in the taxpayers and not in the trustees.

The critical submission that he then made was that the 1980 deed involved each of the taxpayers giving up their undivided shares in favour of one or more of the other taxpayers and that, he said, was derived from an examination of each taxpayer's position before and after the execution of the 1980 deed and a comparison of what they held before with what they held after the deed had come into operation.

Whether that was the proper way to analyse the effect of the 1980 deed for capital gains tax purposes turned on the effect of the *Booth v Ellard* decision.

[It was there held that 12 shareholders in a family company who contributed shares to a trust and retained interests in the same proportion of shares as before the creation of the trust but did not retain any beneficial interest in the specific shares which they had brought in and whose beneficial interest *in* aggregate amounted to the entire property subject to the trust did not become liable to tax on those transfers.]

The heart of that decision lay in Lord Justice Buckley's analysis of the situation that was based on a comparison of the respective entitlements of the shareholders *inter se* both before and after the *inception* of the trust.

Because "the measure of the beneficial interests of the settlors remained unaffected by the trust" it followed, in his judgment, that there was no disposal for tax purposes.

Lord Justice Buckley did not find that there was no change on a proper legal analysis in the subject matter of any given participant in the pool. He did not base his judgment on an analysis of the particular subject matter of the trust.

The decision *in Booth v Ellard* was inconsistent with the Crown's argument comparing individual interests before and after the execution of the 1980 deed.

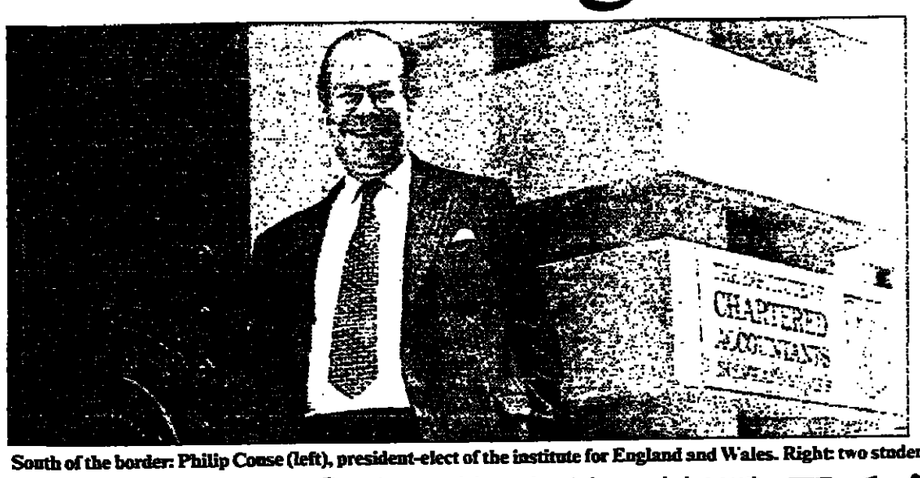
The principle decided in that case applied with the result that the commissioners' decision, which accorded with common sense, that there was no disposal of assets by the taxpayers was correct. The Crown's appeal was dismissed.

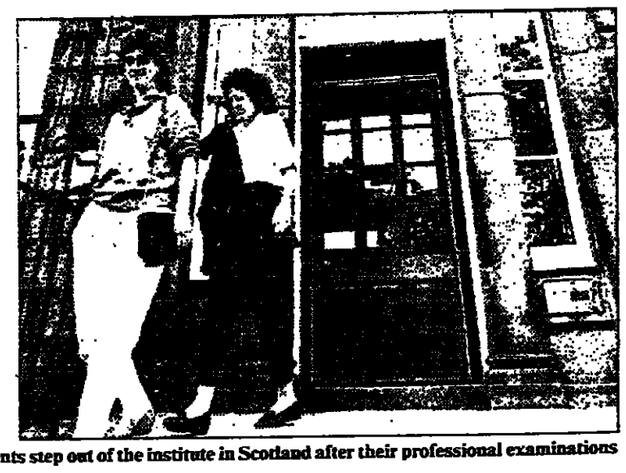
Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Sharman Sykes, Thrapston.

Cross-border marriage of convenience

Should Britain have only one institute for accountants?

Colin Narbrough reports





South of the border: Philip Couse (left), president-elect of the institute for England and Wales. Right: two students step out of the institute in Scotland after their professional examinations

Changeable winds in national politics may again be fanning life back into the embers of the Scottish devolution debate, but in accountancy, by contrast, cross-border union is the burning issue today.

By June 6, Britain's leading accountancy bodies — the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Scotland (ICAS) — will know whether their combined membership of around 100,000 is for or against an amalgamation.

The ICAS, formed in the 1820s, has been a fiercely independent body, priding itself on being the elder of the two by 26 years. The Scots have also traditionally laid claim, with some justification, to higher standards of education and training.

South of the border there appears to be widespread enthusiasm for the formation of a joint institute, but Scottish accountancy firms are clearly not as universally persuaded of the benefits, many fearing that an alliance would seriously reduce the ability of the ICAS's 12,000 members to influence events.

Scottish doubts about the merger in many ways reflect concerns that have surfaced whenever one of Scotland's well-known companies or financial institutions has fallen prey to a take-over from the South and its head office has been relocated outside Scotland.

This erosion of Scotland-based centres of decision-making is regarded by many, including accountants, as undermining the ultimate viability of the Scottish regional economy.

But the argument of marrying the two oldest accountancy bodies in Britain cannot be said to be without merit.

For a start, accountancy is fragmented into six leading professional bodies, every one of them with institutional structures and policy stances of its own.

Now that increased regulatory duties have been forced on accountants by the 1986 Financial Services Act, there must be great savings and effectiveness to be gained from pooling their resources.

Elwyn Eilledge, senior partner at Ernst & Whinney, one of the big league accountancy groups, believes the continued division of the profession is an absurdity, involving such wasteful exercises as separate budget submissions to the Chancellor of the Exchequer every year. "Although I respect both traditional and regional sensibilities," he says, "I believe that common sense and goodwill should prevail and a single British institute should evolve."

The Companies Bill, now being scrutinized by Parliament, will further reinforce the regulatory function of the accountancy bodies, requiring them to provide a tougher regulatory system for auditors.

This will take the institutes still further away from their historic role as professional clubs and training organizations than the authorizing and watchdog body and the Financial Services Act have already brought them. But the vote to create a single British Institute of Chartered Accountants will, however, require the approval of a two-thirds majority from each of the two voting bodies.

Worsley (left): confident. Eilledge: "goodwill"

Jock Worsley, president of the ICAEW, says his members are committed to rationalizing the profession, whatever the outcome of the vote, though he has no specific plan for the future should the merger fail.

He is confident that the ICAEW can deliver the required majority but openly admits to being less sure about the level of support in Scotland, particularly after strong anti-merger lobbying by some senior Scottish accountants.

Earlier this month, Ewan Brown, of Noble Grossart, Tome Lee, of Edinburgh University, and Ian Valentine, of Binder Hamlyn, wrote a letter to Scottish accountants urging them to vote against and to retain the independence of ICAS.

A group of 50 small Scottish accountancy firms, which has declared its outright rejection of the merger plan, also questions the money and effort the ICAS leadership has spent to promote the link-up idea.

Professor Frank Kidd, the outgoing president of ICAS, has urged all his members to cast their votes for merger, with the important safeguard that there would be a Scottish college within the new body to ensure that regional interests are given a say in future. He and his supporters believe the new companies legislation, due to come into force in 1991, will make a nonsense of a separate Scottish institute.

All auditing firms will be obliged under the Act to register with one of the institutes, making it likely that the large accountancy firms, which in the main form part of UK-wide partnerships, will opt to register with the bigger body, the ICAEW.

Professor Gordon Lowden, who will succeed Kidd as ICAS president, fears that this could lead to the Scottish body being left as the regulatory body for the remaining, mostly smaller firms. He believes more influence can be won through union.

Meanwhile, his opponents argue that standards of training in Scotland will decline, given the different education requirements for the profession in Scotland and the rest of Britain.

The close relationship between the profession and the universities is a striking feature in Scotland, and it is feared that this could be lost if the merger goes through.

Another option put forward in Scotland is for the ICAS to create an independent regulatory body for auditors, thereby leaving the institute to continue to play the same role it has hitherto.

A measure of the ferocity of the merger debate in Scotland is the number of the ICAS staff who have handed in their notices. The resignations have included that of the secretary, Eric Tait.

If the merger does succeed, vesting day for the new combined institute would be in June or July next year.

Under the plan certain activities, including the important matters of education and training, and research, could be run from Edinburgh rather than the London headquarters. This could help to overcome anxieties.

As a special lure to any reluctant Scottish accountants, the merger deal would also give Scots 23 per cent of the seats on the combined institute's ruling council, almost double the representation their numerical strength would justify.

Back in the early 1970s, the accountancy profession's attempt to integrate its six main organizations came to nothing when put to the vote. Then the Scots delivered a majority in favour of a radical regrouping.

Given the pressure for rationalization from a reforming government, as well as from a European Community fast preparing for the advent of a single market in goods and services after 1992, the climate for a successful marriage would certainly appear to have improved.

With less than two weeks left until the results of the accountancy poll is declared, all the straw polls taken so far have pointed to only minority support for the merger in Scotland.

It might be a prudent idea for the pro-merger leaders of the ICAS and ICAEW to start drawing up some alternative strategies.

Ethics in the big league

The impending merger between Ernst & Whinney, the third biggest accountancy group in the United States, and Arthur Young, the American number six, not only changes the league positions among the American Big Eight, but will also mean a big shake-up in the rankings on this side of the Atlantic.

In Britain, Ernst & Whinney and Arthur Young are in fifth and eighth places in terms of fee income. With Arthur Young, Ernst & Whinney will probably jump into second position behind Peat Marwick McLintock *(Colin Narbrough writes)*. But this latest example of the big accountancy merger, which produces the world's largest professional services firm, spotlights the way the profession is moving towards multi-discipline mega-businesses in a global market.

Accountancy's regulators are already steering a confrontation course with some of the big league firms because of the way such firms are trying to develop their activities.

The move from strict accounting into broad-based professional services groups is nothing new, but in the era of the multi-billion-pound take-over the increasing appearance of accountants as corporate advisers and critics of target companies' accounts has raised ethical doubts with the regulatory bodies.

Chinese walls are all very well, but the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and its Scottish counterpart are considering some form of rule change. A working party has been looking at the matter since last year.

But the big operators, keen for what they regard as their slice of the corporate advisers' cake, are understandably none too happy and have questioned the institutes' right to try to inhibit their business. After all, they argue, the Takeover Panel already has the powers to intervene.

The question of who may own accountancy firms is also the subject of debate. Opinions are divided over whether non-accountants should be allowed to become owners.

Although the big firms generally favour outside owners, most small accountancy firms are against non-accountants owning other than non-voting shares. In keeping with its commitment to opening up markets and removing professional rigidities, the Government wants to permit up to 49 per cent of accountancy firms to be owned by outsiders to the profession.

However, the profession will have to face the difficult decision of whether to impose tougher restrictions on ownership to guarantee the independence of auditors. If it opts for an over-restrictive policy, accountancy firms might use the courts to secure the right to sell interests to outsiders.

The working party set up by the chartered accountants' bodies failed to reach more than a tentative conclusion, preferring to suggest a more restrictive policy that could be relaxed, rather than a lax one that might have to be aborted.

The size of the big firms suggests they will be increasingly difficult for regulators, or anyone else, to push around.

The Cleveland-based Ernst & Whinney has 3,159 partners world-wide and 35,600 personnel in 89 countries. Arthur Young has 2,900 partners world-wide and 33,000 staff in 74 countries. Last year, Ernst & Whinney's total revenue was $2.2 billion (£1.4 billion), only $200 million more than Arthur Young's.

BIG EIGHT ACCOUNTANTS IN UK YEAR TO MARCH 1988

	Fee income (£m)
1 Peat Marwick McLintock	262.5
2 Price Waterhouse	178.5
3 Coopers & Lybrand	172.0
4 Deloitte Haskins & Sells	151.1
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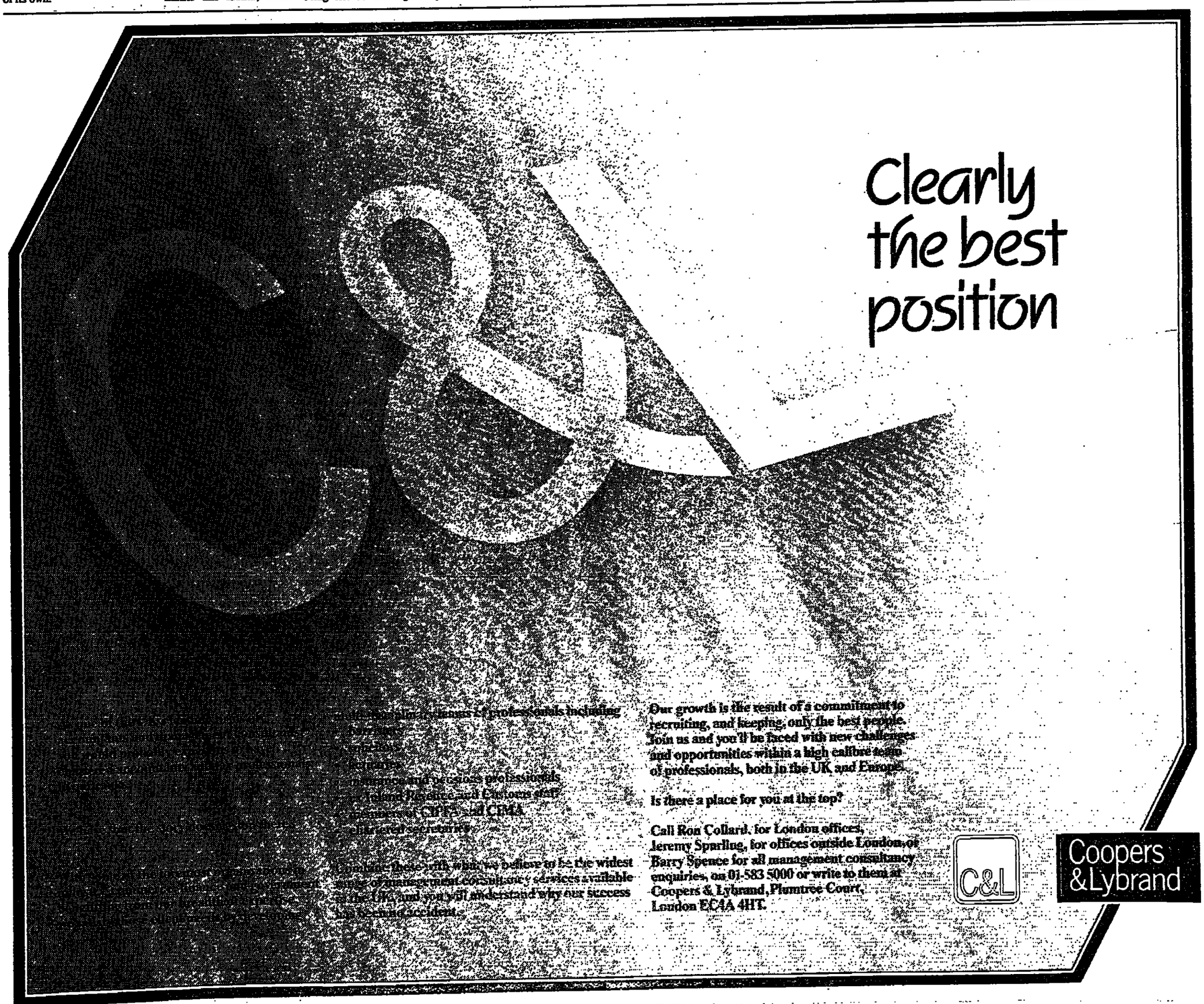
7 Arthur Andersen	113.4
8 Arthur Young	108.0



The European attitude

With the prospect of a market of 320 million drawing ever closer, British-based companies are adapting to a broader network

TED BATH

Thinking ahead: Brandon Gough, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand Europe, plans for 1992

The emergence of the Single European Market will not in itself cause major structural changes in the accountancy profession. Such changes as there are – like the proposed merger of international accountants Ernst & Whinney and Arthur Young – will be the result of global rather than purely European pressures. But 1992 will bring big changes in the way that accountants think.

The so-called "big eight" – the household-name firms like Peat Marwick McLintock and Coopers & Lybrand – already have extensive networks of partnerships across Europe.

Until now those who ran, for example, the Paris partnership of one of the networks, could get by through "thinking French" and the German office through "thinking German". Now everyone must learn to "think European".

The accountants' clients, looking to a barrier-free Europe, are increasingly seeing the continent not as a group of closely knit nation states but as one market. They are beginning to ask themselves what implications a new "domestic market" of 320 million people should have for decisions like where new production facilities should be sited and how goods should be distributed.

If the accountants are to be of any use to them, they will also have to adopt a European mentality, be they in London or Paris or Rome.

The first signs of a commitment to this new approach are already apparent. Peat Marwick has hired Lord Cockfield, the recently retired European commissioner, as a consultant and special adviser on European affairs. Since January, Coopers & Lybrand has had in place Coopers & Lybrand Europe, an organization which will lead the Coopers & Lybrand network's European operations.

Brandon Gough, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand Europe, has set in motion initiatives which, he believes, will consolidate the European approach. About half of the new partners this year will be given their introductory training as partners on a pooled European basis, rather than country by country, and next year, it is hoped, all new partners will do likewise.

The thinking of industry has moved rapidly towards seeing Europe as a unified market, says Gough, and the profession must respond.

"It's good business for us if we can adjust our mindset to align with theirs. The guy who is most closely in tune with the thinking of the client is, on balance, likely to be the one who does the most business."

Gough sees the single European market in a positive light, but he and others in the profession are keeping a close eye on Brussels to make sure that nobody horse-trades away one of Britain's great advantages, the fact that it allows its accountants to operate simultaneously as auditors and as business advisers. There is a long tradition of chartered accountants providing business advice that goes beyond auditing.

On the continent, there is much more focus on auditing *per se*, as opposed to business advice, and that has led to more legalistic rule books around the auditing business in Europe.

What British accountants fear is that a country like Italy, which has regulations making it difficult for auditors to provide other, non-auditing, services to clients, may try to persuade Brussels that what is good for Italy should be good for the single European market.

"The implications would be potentially quite severe," says Gough. "If you forced the splitting-out of auditing firms from advisory services, you would make the business very much less attractive.

"It's not just auditing. They're allowed to involve themselves in constructive advice. More important in the long run is that the British accounting firms actually train the larger part of entrants into British financial management. We would cease to be an attractive training ground for people leaving universities. This would have a major structural impact on British business in a few years."

Malcolm Brown

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Dancing in the streets: Peking students in Tiananmen Square

Practical role in a revolution

Colin Narbrough reports on moves to forge links with troubled China

The student-led "revolution" in China that has astounded the world this month has been in part attributed by commentators to that huge country's troubled efforts to propel its economy forward as quickly as possible.

The inflation and unfulfilled expectations this policy prompted has forced the government to rein back the economy, fuelling discontent, particularly among the young.

So what does this have to do with accountancy? That is a question which one might well put to Ronald Kett, president of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants.

Only last month he held talks in Peking with Chinese officials urgently trying to improve their sprawling, heavily populated nation's financial planning.

CIMA, which has links with 90 countries and is strongly represented in the Far East, is interested in establishing ties with China's accountancy profession.

The original idea for the two-day discussions in Peking came from CIMA's members in Hong Kong, the crown colony due to be returned to Chinese control in 1997.

China, with only one accountant for every million people, has created a professional accountancy body, but its work is concentrated on auditing the big state corporation and joint ventures.

What CIMA could offer is the added dimension of management accountants whose practical experience in commerce and industry could help the underdeveloped China overcome some of its serious economic planning problems.

Management accountancy's focus on interpretive skills and forecasting for decision-making purposes, together with its information technology training, would certainly be welcome in a country which wants desperately to get its economic management right.

The growing appreciation of management accountancy skills, though, is not limited to China. CIMA's membership in Britain grew by some 10 per cent last year to 28,600. But that figure was dwarfed by 44,546 people studying for its qualifications – an increase of 5.6 per cent on 1987.

The organization's past concern about its image, having started life as the humble Cost and Works Accountants in 1919, prompted it to conduct a study last year of how it was perceived as a professional body, leading some observers to draw the wrong conclusion that it was having trouble attracting young people.

On the contrary, it would appear that management accountancy, like other branches of the profession, is benefiting from a surge of interest among the young for training that will give them a fast track into a business career.

For those who regard management accountancy as the poor cousin of the chartered profession, it must be pointed out that CIMA has its high-fliers too. Alan Sheppard, the Grand Metropolitan chairman, is just one member who fits the bill.

And as far as earnings go, newly qualified management accountants can hardly be called poor: they can today command earnings around the £22,500 level, not far short of their counterparts in chartered accountancy.

The public sector has traditionally been a big trainer and employer of management accountants, a tradition which the privatized groups such as British Gas and British Telecom have continued to foster.

To reinforce its position as the threat looms of stiffening competition for school-leavers in Britain, CIMA has set up a regional network of full-time advisers to help make training and education work more smoothly.

And what of the single Europe market and the freedom for the professions to establish throughout the Community? This appears not to be causing CIMA much concern. For the time being, at least, there is no comparable qualification in Europe.

● Moore Stephens, the chartered accountants, has become the first international accountancy firm to be authorized to work in Poland. It is setting up a Warsaw office to help Polish businesses develop abroad while acting as consultants to foreign firms wishing to trade with Poland.

The City firm certainly has excellent credentials for helping the Polish economy, which still relies strongly on loss-making heavy industry. With strong European connections, Moore Stephens has conducted in-depth studies into Europe's shipping and steel industries.

Brand names tip the balance sheet

Confusion over the value of intangible assets has led to an investigation of standards

SURESH KARADIA

Drinks all round: brewing giant Guinness valued its recently-acquired brands at £1.7 billion

Traditionally, the main uses of financial statements by companies in Britain have been to report to shareholders on the performance of the directors and to offer guidance to potential investors.

That gives endless scope for interpretation and widely differing judgements as to what should be included in balance sheets, as well as their presentation, (*Colin Narbrough writes*).

Particular controversy has raged over the question of whether companies should include valuations of their intangible assets, in particular brand-named products, in their books.

The growing trend for big companies to put a valuation on their brands has done much to focus attention on the accountancy profession's desire to establish enforceable rules concerning what should be in a firm's accounts.

With the financial services legislation putting increasing emphasis on consumer protection, providing reliable and directly comparable accounts for would-be investors makes good sense.

The Accounting Standards Committee, the profession's joint watchdog body, caused some dismay and confusion, certainly in the consumer goods industry, when it issued a statement in January strongly discouraging the practice of putting brands and other intangibles on the balance sheet.

Companies that had already put a price on their brands, such as Rank Hovis McDougall, the food group, were advised to keep them there. Controversially, the ASC said there was a "rebuttable assumption" that brand names gave a limited useful economic life and should therefore be depreciated if they are included in the balance sheet.

Since the bitter takeover battle for the chocolate and confectionery group Rowntree, which put on public show the importance of valuing brands, the ASC had been under pressure to try to bring order to the demand by companies to value intangible assets.

The ACS's provisional statement, which suggested that value can only be established through transactions, left many questions unanswered. Still more confusion arose when the Stock Exchange produced a statement encouraging companies to give their intangibles a value.

The Stock Exchange will in future include balance sheet values in its rule governing the need for shareholder approval for disposals and acquisitions of more than 25 per cent of a company's assets.

After Guinness, the brewing and leisure group, in February placed a £1.7 billion value on its recently-acquired brands, including Gordon's Gin, Bell's Whisky and Hennessy Cognac, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales commissioned a study of the entire subject.

"The current controversy on brand valuation raises fundamental issues about the role of financial statements, asset recognition and valuation and the procedures for developing accounting rules," it observed.

Describing current varying valuation methods as "often opaque", it wants the study to clarify whether brands should be included in main accounts or only be mentioned in notes to accounts.

The conflicting positions over brands has provoked considerable anxiety in the City, with finance directors in some leading companies expressing fears that the issue could divide technical accountants in the same way inflation accounting did in the 1970s.

Provoked by a fast-moving, innovative corporate culture, the reforming zeal of the Thatcher Government and the prospect of a single European market in services after 1992, the accountants are not only concerned with brands, but are seeking for the first time in nearly 20 years to undertake a major overhaul of the system by which accounting standards are set and enforced.

Their efforts are likely to be highlighted this week in the House of Commons at the committee stage of the new Companies Bill.

Central to the overhaul is the Accounting Standards Review Committee, set up by the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies in November, 1987 under the chairmanship of Sir Ronald Dearing, a former chairman of the Post Office.

Riding the gravy train: Bisto is among the brand names of Rank Hovis McDougall

Its report, *The Making of Accounting Standards*, published last November, proposed a new, non-statutory organization that would set and supervise standards.

The proposed organization would have a broadly-based Financial Reporting Council which would oversee the work of a small Accounting Standards Board. This would have the authority to issue accounting standards in its own right. A Review Panel would be set up to investigate the accounts of large companies.

While the accountancy profession had previously looked primarily to its own ranks, in the form of the ASC, to establish guidance and standards for auditing, it has now come around to the view that it needs outside support if it is to be effective.

The Dearing report makes clear that the ASC can no longer be regarded as able to cope with the question of standards, and proposes replacing it with a system involving the accountancy bodies, the City and the Government.

The Stock Exchange, the chief City representative, initially condemned the report as too complex, too costly and unnecessary, only to perform a *volte-face* last month, possibly after some pressure from Westminster.

Significantly, the exchange accepted the principle that it should help finance the estimated £3 million to £4 million that the new system will cost to run each year. Differences remain, however, over the proposal that the exchange should provide a third of the required funds through a levy on listed companies.

Jeffrey Knight, the Stock Exchange's Chief Executive, believes the £1 million or so being asked of the exchange is excessive and would mean significant additional cost to the listing fee.

Lord Young, the Trade Secretary, told the House of Lords on April 27 that, while ready to recommend most of the Dearing proposals, the Government is not prepared to reverse the onus of proof in legal proceedings over whether accounts gave a true and fair view of a company.

He stressed that he was also "unconvinced" by the proposal that the Trade Secretary should be responsible for the bulk of financing and for appointments to the Financial Reporting Council.

Lord Young resisted the demand that his department should take charge of legal enforcement, proposing that the Review Panel, too, should have powers to apply to the courts to force companies to amend their accounts.

The essence of the Dearing recommendations was to create a bridge between practitioners, preparers and users, he said. "The taxpayer should not be expected to contribute in respect of the private sector," he added. Instead, the Government foresees companies making a contribution to the cost from fees they pay to Companies House.

Andrew Darnill, head of the ICAEW policy unit, does not hide his institute's disappointment with the Government response. Adequate funding was "the heart of the matter" and enforcement through the courts calls for the "stick" only the Government can provide, he says.

The accountants urgently want to end the deadlock over key parts of the reform. But the ICAEW, while hopeful that an "implementor" will appear to take things forward, feels that it would be unrealistic to expect a new standards-setting system to be in place until next year.

Gearing up for recruitment drive

The biggest companies are spreading the net in their search for new talent as the pool of school leavers starts to dwindle

MARC ASPLAND

New faces: David Clifford (centre) of Peat Marwick McLintock with some recent recruits

Chartered accountants in England and Wales recruited a record 6,500 student trainees last year, 90 per cent of them graduates. Half had first or upper second class degrees. The profession has been going for, and getting, an intellectual élite, but how much longer will it be able to do so?

The demand seems likely to go on rising – the fee income of the Big Eight firms is increasing at more than 20 per cent a year – but the supply may not be there (*Malcolm Brown writes*).

Demographic trends mean that the pool of 18-year-old school leavers will start to get significantly smaller in the early 1990s and unless further education bucks the trend (and there is no indication that it will) graduate numbers will fall off as well. Supply and demand will be mismatched, but nobody seems quite sure what the solution is.

"If I had a solution I'd be making four figures a day in consultancy fees," says Andrew Colquhoun, director of education and training at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). "Anybody who pretends that they have a solution is probably deluding themselves, and that's not just in the accountancy profession, that's any profession."

Several partial solutions are being explored. Computerizing the audit makes each individual trainee more productive; some firms are using computerization and automation to deskill parts of the audit process so that non-graduate support staff may do it. Other practices are looking with more interest at mature students and graduates who want to change careers. Also high on many agendas is finding ways to stop students leaving their training firm immediately they have qualified.

"They are looking to see whether they can improve their retention ratios beyond qualification," Colquhoun says. "At the moment, they are phlegmatic about the fact that a lot of their students do not remain with them after qualification and they recruit accordingly. If they could find the means to hang on to a higher proportion of those whom they want to hang on to (and they don't want to hang on to all of them) then they could be much more sanguine about the recruitment problems of the 1990s."

What might seem like an obvious solution – to simply increase the number of non-graduate entrants – is not really an option, Colquhoun says. Apart from anything else there are not enough of them. The profession does allow non-graduate entry: the aspirant accountant takes a one-year foundation course at a polytechnic followed by a four-year training contract with a firm (a year longer than graduates). But the minimum entry qualification is five GCSE/GCE passes, two of which must be at A level – in short, university entrance qualifications – and the fact is that more than 80 per cent of those who pass two or more A levels go on to full-time study. So the available pool of qualified school leavers is small, and, Colquhoun suggests, likely to get smaller both in absolute and relative terms.

David Clifford, the partner responsible for graduate recruitment at Peat Marwick McLintock, the profession's biggest recruiter, says that his firm takes on more than 1,000 graduate entrants a year. He expects that number to increase. But, he suggests, firms must keep a cool head in the recruiting drive. The worst possible reaction of firms to the impending demographic downturn would be simply to throw money at the problem in an unfocused image building exercise.

"You can't hype up your recruitment too much," he says. "There's a terrible danger that firms do and the end product is that the reality in no way matches the expectation. We just end up with a whole load of people who have come into an organization and suddenly say 'This is not what I thought it was'. That's a terrible waste of our investment and their investment. That must not happen."

Peat Marwick puts great emphasis on getting undergraduates into the firm to find out what makes it tick. One of its most innovative schemes is a work-shadowing programme, now in its second year.

"They come in for a four-day programme," says Sue MacDonald, who is in charge of student recruitment, "and during that time they shadow a student chartered accountant, a qualified accountant and a partner. They sit in on meetings and will also shadow a staffer if he or she is with a client. They're not working, they're just watching, taking it in, understanding and getting a general awareness for what the job is all about."

Clifford thinks that this kind of scheme has two benefits. It attracts potential recruits, who will almost certainly pass on the message of what they have seen by word of mouth, and it also helps to put some people off. That is not as perverse as it sounds. Like Colquhoun at the ICAEW, Clifford believes that retention could be a vital part of the solution to the looming supply and demand problem.

One potential source of at least a small number of recruits may be Europe. Peat Marwick has already begun to explore the possibilities. "We are looking at graduates who have a degree in their own country and will come here, do an accountancy qualification, then they can go back to, say, France and do the necessary adaptation test which will allow them to practice as a chartered accountant there."

The scheme could have great attractions for Continental students. In Europe, accountancy training can take much longer than in Britain. Here, it is possible to qualify by the mid-20s. A German graduate might not get his full professional qualification until he is nearly 30.

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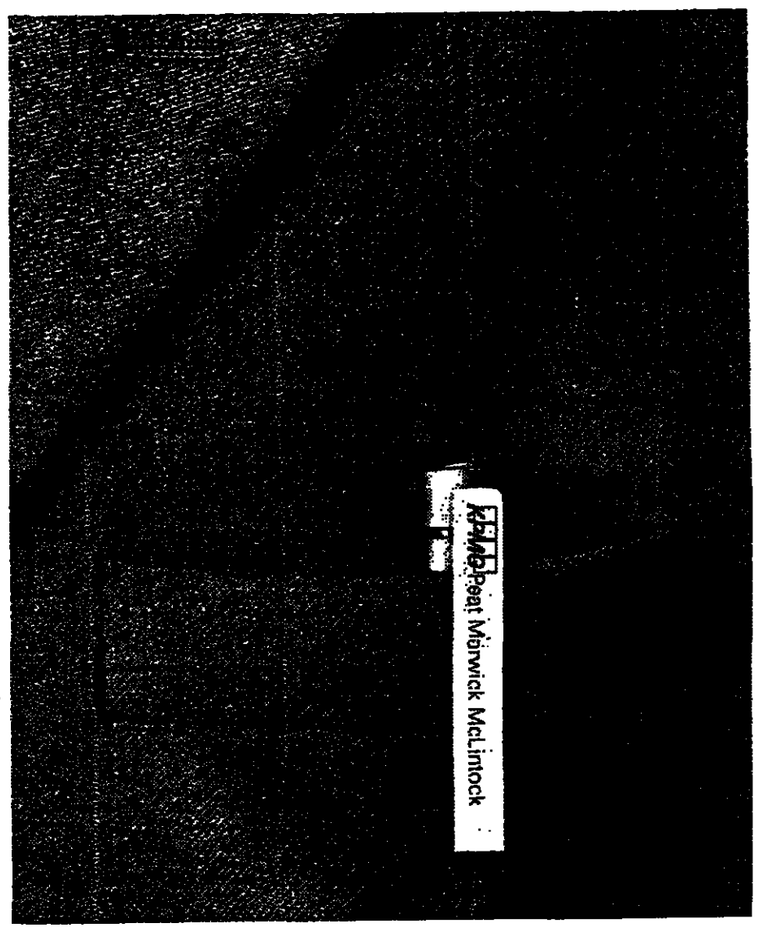

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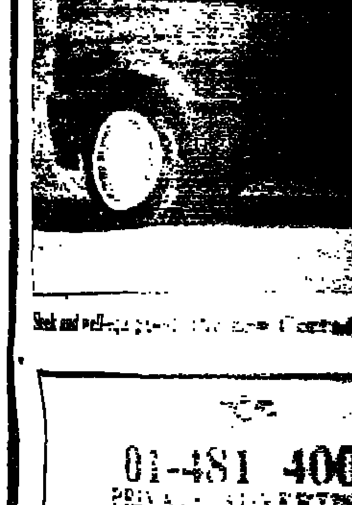

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MOTORING

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Motoring Correspondent

Doctor saves a dear old crock

Dr John Holden has a passion for cars and prefers to call on his patients in an 84-year-old boneshaker — the smart, high-riding, open-top Renault Model X

Sporting doctor on call: John Holden and his 1905 3-litre, side-valve, four-cylinder engined Renault. It cost him £18,000, and a lot of hard work

Patients who get a home visit from Dr John Holden could be forgiven for blinking in wonder as he pulls up at the front door. His arrival looks more like a scene from *Dr Finlay's Casebook*. For Holden drives an 84-year-old boneshaker with the enthusiasm and confidence most GPs have in their everyday Fords and Rovers.

His car is a 1905 Renault Model X and, unlike many such veterans which are left covered up in the garage to appreciate in value, it must earn its keep.

Peering down from the lorry-cab height of the open tourer, Holden says that the old Renault is as reliable as many modern cars, and certainly more fun to drive. "The car is remarkably pleasant to handle despite its age," he says. "I do up to 3,000 miles a year and get out and about in it two or three times a week, particularly when the weather is good. It is marvellous to be up in the driver's seat looking down on the traffic."

Locals around Desborough and Rothwell, Northamptonshire, where Holden lives and has his surgeries, are growing used to seeing him clattering around the streets. There is a medical bag strapped to the back in case of emergencies — but only for the car, because the bag is filled with spanners.

Holden bought the Renault three years ago for £18,000, though it has probably doubled in value by now. However, his garage, littered with welding equipment, lathes, spanners and bits and pieces of engine, is testimony to an enthusiasm which happens to have the happy by-product of also being an investment.

With its 3-litre, side-valve, four-cylinder engine divided into two blocks of two, the Renault has plenty of power to put through its three-speed gearbox. And, because it was built long before the scientists thought of putting lead into petrol for extra performance and better engine life, it runs on unleaded fuel.

Speeds of around 70 mph are easily attainable, though Holden admits to having been frightened when, at speed, one of the front tyres on the wooden-spoked wheels blew out. The tyre flew off the rim, leaving him fighting to bring the car safely to a stop.

The experience did not dampen his 20-year passion for old cars in the slightest. He confesses to being "nuts about cars". Books on famous marques and engineering feats cover the bookshelves of his home, and there are seven vehicles in the family line-up, including a modern Citroën BX diesel, a 60-mpg runabout which takes over from the Renault when speed and weather dictate.

Other classics in his mini-collection include a 1911 Rochet-Schneider, bought for £5,000, and a 1976 Jensen-Healey, the powerful roadster which had a short but glamorous history.

And still mainly in bits in the garage is a 1927 Amilcar racer — "the poor man's Bugatti", and one of only seven known to be in this country. It is slowly being restored and the doctor's weekends are spent hunting down parts from other collectors and specialist yards.

"It is a very long and painstaking job," Holden says. "The renovation of the Renault was a three to four-year job, so this one will take about the same time."

However, it is a job which he is tackling with enthusiasm. And he is looking forward to the day when he can do his rounds in the sleek Amilcar racer as a change from the Renault.

ROADWISE

Safety success

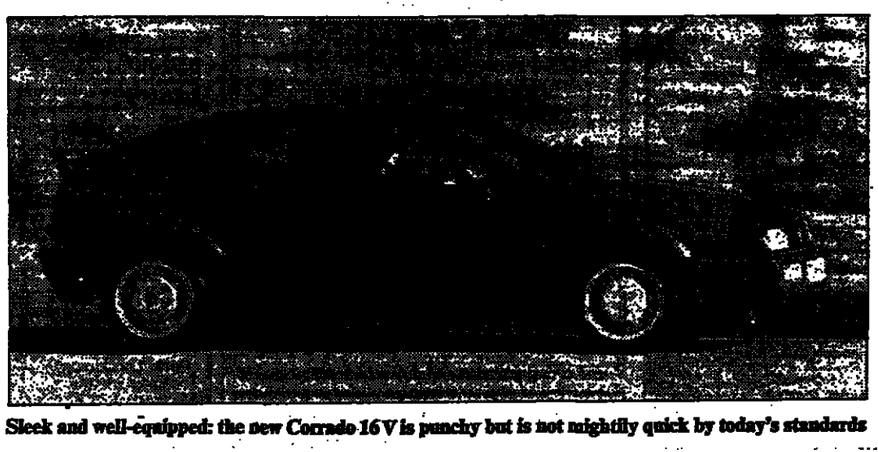
■ The Don Safety Trophy, awarded to the person or group doing most to promote road safety, has gone to the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety for its work on drink-driving and promoting the bill requiring children in the rear of cars to wear seatbelts. The council is chaired by MPs Barry Sheerman and David Knox.

■ The new Seat Ibiza, with a fresh interior including dashboard, will sell at the old prices of between £5,899 and £7,649. Prices of Austin Rover cars, except for Metro saloons and the Rover 200 series, are up by an average of 1 per cent.

■ Daihatsu has launched a two-year customer care programme, providing roadside and home assistance in the event of breakdown. It takes in hotel accommodation or alternative transport home, including air travel.

■ The chance to drive a few laps of Le Mans on a simulator is the Bank Holiday weekend treat offered at the newly opened Patrick Collection at King's Norton, Birmingham, just off junction 3 of the M42. The museum has 250 vintage and rare current cars as well as memorabilia. Family tickets cost £7.50.

■ Nearly 900 cars are expected to join the Norwich Union RAC Classic Run on Sunday, making it Europe's largest single motor sport event. The run — for cars not yet old enough for the London-to-Brighton run — starts from different locations: Bath, Harewood House, Knebworth House, Hertfordshire, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford and Stockport. The cars should reach the Donnington Park race circuit at about 4pm.



Sleek and well-equipped: the new Corrado 16V is punchy but is not mightily quick by today's standards

VW tackles the sports car kings

Volkswagen goes into battle against the traditional leaders of the sports car market with what they claim is the company's fastest model yet. The Corrado 16V, costing just under £17,000, will be available in Britain in July.

This "poor man's Porsche" will have to compete against West Germany's BMW 3-series as well Japanese models such as the Mazda RX-7 and Toyota MR2, which have become the benchmark for small sports cars. But the Corrado's sleek looks and impressive statistics make VW confident of its future success.

ROADTEST Volkswagen Corrado 16V

Maximum speed is 130 mph plus, with 0 to 60 mph coming in a shade over eight seconds — not mightily quick by today's standards but enough to give a punch to the business of day-to-day motoring. Power is supplied by a 1.8-litre, 136 bhp engine fuelled through 16 valves.

Road-holding was one of the chief priorities listed by VW engineers to make sure that acceleration was not at the expense of aerodynamic stability. This is why the car has an electrically operated rear spoiler, which raises automatically at speeds over 45mph, reducing lift over the back wheels by more than 60 per cent, according to VW.

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The 16V blazes a trail which will be followed next year by a supercharged 160 bhp flagship version, named the G60, and priced at £19,000.

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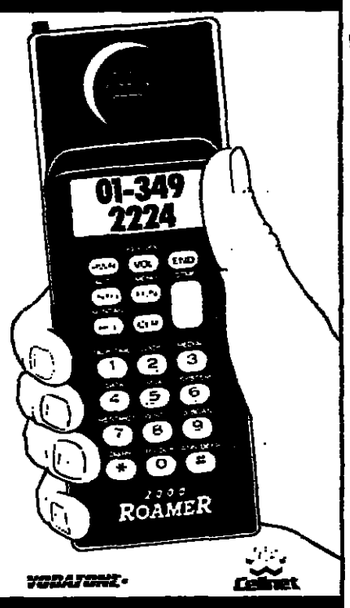

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NatWest project to cast seed on small but fruitful ground

By Derek Harris

The National Westminster Bank this week launched a programme to help technology-based small businesses.

A cornerstone of the NatWest programme is a "seed capital" fund, offering finance in the £5,000 to £50,000 range — precisely the sort of amounts which many small businesses find difficult to raise simply because they are too small to interest the bulk of venture capital providers.

A NatWest venture capital subsidiary, National Westminster Growth Options, will take an equity option in businesses as part of the deals. These will be aimed at helping a fledgling business research and develop new ideas and products, with the emphasis on the use of technology.

NatWest is also launching a technology unit to supervise a network of local technology managers who have been trained to understand the complexities and needs of technology-based businesses. This should enable them to deal knowledgeably with funding requests.

Mr Duncan Matthews, who is senior manager of the technology unit, is enthusiastic about what he sees as a true seedcorn fund.

He said: "Venture capitalists have not normally been willing to lend at the smaller end of the market, as they consider it may not be cost effective. Most businesses in this sector have fewer than 10 employees and the lack of funding has left a gap which we think should be filled."

The NatWest initiative is to be welcomed, particularly because of its specialist nature, but the funding gap represented by the not-easily-met need for comparatively small injections of capital is more and more being bridged. In addition, an increasing number of local enterprise agencies are now joining a nationwide network of "marriage bureaux" which attempt to put together would-be providers of capital, usually individuals, and entrepreneurs who need a cash injection for their start-up.

MR FRIDAY

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The right channels for success

By Sally Watts

Stephen Bacon learnt the fundamentals of computing as a sixth-former 10 years ago, when he was preparing for science A-levels and computers were just being introduced into schools.

"He should learn to spend less time in the computer room," said *his school report. Vain advice: he* now spends up to 10 hours a day with NetConnect, the successful business he launched at St John's innovation centre in Cambridge 18 months ago.

With a Cambridge degree in engineering, Mr Bacon went straight from being a student to the role of business manager when a small computer firm offered him the job. He spent a few years there but saw no future in staying on, and left to start his own business, concentrating entirely on networking — and with a different approach.

His clients fall into two categories: companies with existing computers that they want connected, either to link one building or several sites, and companies with little or no computer experience, wanting to solve a business problem related to client management and telemarketing systems.

A recent commission involved providing hardware and software for a leading stationery firm, enabling staff to produce 20,000 mail shots every two months. They will also be able to produce reports when NetConnect have introduced a new system and linked it to the existing one.

The idea of Mr Bacon and his partners — who do not advertise but obtain contracts through recommendations and suppliers' leads — is to "try to focus not on the technology but on the particular business, and to listen to what our clients are saying. We use our ears in proportion to our mouth."

Expanding network: Mr Ladbrook, left, and Mr Bacon aim to grow

Mr Bacon explained: "My philosophy was to take a family approach throughout. I believe working for NetConnect should be fun; doing business with us should also be fun and our relationship with our clients should be both as personal and as professional as possible."

There are five full-time staff, three of them working directors: Mr Philip Ladbrook, company secretary and telecommunications specialist; Miss Toni Norton, who handles sales; and Mr Bacon, at 27, the youngest of the five. He set up the limited company, and is network specialist and, officially, managing director. Their start-up capital was £100,000.

Apart from the directors' own investments, they found through personal contact a venture capital company that put up more than half the money and now owns about 20 per cent of the equity.

Accounts for the first full tax year are incomplete, but the annualized monthly turnover is £700,000, and the directors are starting to recover the original outlay, including equipment and premises.

They are among about 30 enterprises at the innovation centre, which was set up by St John's College and, like Trinity College's science park, stimulates technological initiatives.

NetConnect's original idea was to operate within 60 miles of Cambridge, but commissions arrive from further afield, such as Warrington, in Cheshire, and the company is hoping for another at Cardiff.

A highlight for the company — which has two months' work in hand — was being appointed network consultant to Mr Eddie Shah's *Post* newspaper. Mr Bacon and Mr Ladbrook flew regularly to Manchester to advise on the "technologically exciting" venture.

The company has a long-term goal of reaching a position where is can look at a flotation. An Unlisted Securities Market listing is a future possibility but, more immediately, NetConnect's aim is to expand by operating small businesses in different locations. The directors are currently looking at offices to the west of London.

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GOLF: PRACTICE ROUND WITH COMEDIAN ENCOURAGES FORMER OPEN CHAMPION TO ADJUST HIS REPERTOIRE

Lyle getting to grips with the greens in attempt to halt slide

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle intends bringing an abrupt end to an uncharacteristic barren run by employing an unorthodox *putting grip* in the Volvo PGA championship which starts on the West course at Wentworth today.

Lyle frequently practises his putts with his left hand below his right but he has until now refused to resort to such unusual tactics in competitive play. What convinced Lyle that the time might now be right to make such a dramatic change was a practice round against the comedian, Russ Abbot, last week. Lyle scored 65 on the West course, which ranks as his best round of the year.

"Every putt I hit had a chance of going in and that is what matters," Lyle said. "This game is a question of confidence. My confidence level in the last two months has been low but I feel switching to the new grip could make all the difference."

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Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	471	4	10	186	3
2	155	3	11	376	4
3	452	4	12	483	5
4	501	5	13	441	4
5	191	3	14	179	3
6	344	4	15	466	4
7	399	4	16	380	4
8	398	4	17	571	5
9	450	4	18	502	5
Out	3,361	35	In	3,584	37

Total yardage: 6,945 Par: 72

At the back of Lyle's mind is the knowledge that he has made only one halfway cut in his last seven appearances on the US Tour and that he has never won the PGA championship.

"This is a title I especially want to win although I lost a great chance in 1985 when I was eventually beaten in a play-off by Paul Way," Lyle added.

The 35th edition of the PGA championship brings together for the first time this European season a full-strength field, so Lyle will need to resurrect his game to overcome such illustrious opposition as Severiano Ballesteros, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, José-María Olazábal and Ian Woosnam.

Coincidentally, Faldo has been experimenting with his *putting stroke* – though Scott Hoch, among others, might wonder why – before his first official tournament in Britain since his famous triumph in the Masters at Augusta.

Meanwhile, Ballesteros continued his long-running dispute over limited appearances on the US Tour by agreeing that some American golfers would rather the Europeans stayed away. "That is my impression," Ballesteros said. "More than 50 per cent don't want us over there. They think we are taking money away from them."

The likelihood is that Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, will raise the issue again next month with Deane Beman, the US Tour commissioner.

"It is in the interest of our tour for me to do so," Schofield said.

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Off to a tee: Ballesteros at yesterday's pro-am tournament

Solicitor lays down the law of the course

By Patricia Davies

Janet Collingham, solicitor and golfer, had a difficult case on her hands at Burnham and Berrow yesterday. In the first round of the English Women's *Amateur* Championship, sponsored by Canyamel Golf, Majorca, she was opposing *Julie Hall, the title* holder, and after 14 holes all the evidence was stacked in Hall's favour.

She had just holed in one with a nine-iron to go three up – no *one* saw the ball go into the hole and Collingham approached the green thinking she was in with a chance of winning a hole back – and seemed set to escape unpunished for play that fell well below standard.

At the 15th, however, Collingham holed a three-footer for a birdie four and, three down with four to play, had become a scarcely less intimidating two down with three to go. When she drove down the middle at the 16th and Hall ended up in a nasty pot bunker and could only plop the ball out, a more healthy looking scoreline of one down with two to play seemed certain.

And so it proved, despite an adrenalin-inspired *excursion* into thick rough under a hawthorn tree for Collingham's second. She managed to win the hole in five when Hall duffed her third and took three putts.

Collingham holed the sort of three-footer no one likes for a par three at the 17th and Hall missed from two and a half feet.

Collingham, who has won the British match-play and stroke-play titles but never the English, played the last immaculately, and her birdie four was enough to beat Hall.

With only 20 minutes before her second-round match, Collingham had no time to dwell on a win that meant a lot to her after her neglect by the Curtis Cup selectors last year and she competently disposed of *Sarah Palmer from Essex* by 3 and 2.

First round: H Dobson (Seacroft) bt S Sutton (Princes), 4 and 3; L Fletcher (Alnmouth) bt A Johns (Boston), at 19th; K Harridge (West Sussex) bt C Hall (Filton), 6 and 4; J Morley (Sale) bt S Hedges (Royal Cinque Ports), 5 and 3; L Bayman (Berkshire) bt J Hogg (Haydock Park), 5 and 4; K Mitchell (Worthing) bt C Caldwell (Sunningdale), 2 and 1; W Dicks (Colchester) bt J Brown (Haydock Park), 2 holes; S Lowe (Broadstone) bt L Fairclough (Chorley), 2 and 1; S Palmer (The Warren) bt S Bennett (Colchester), 1 hole; J Collingham (Notts Ladies) bt J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry), 1 hole; R Boles (Beau Desert) bt S Elliott (Henbury), 3 and 2; K Firth (Huddersfield) bt K Nicholls (Enmore Park), 5 and 4; S Morgan (Hearsall) bt K Ferguson (Tynemouth), 2 and 1; S Robinson (Hadwell) bt M-J Cornelius (Neville), 4 and 3; K Tebbet (Gullane) bt L Murfin (Chevin), 4 and 2; J Gillings (Goodwood) bt A Gardiner (Weatherby), 3 and 2. Second round: Dobson bt Fletcher, 4 and 3; Harridge bt Morley, 4 and 2; Bayman bt Mitchell, 5 and 4; Dicks bt Lowe, at 19th; Collingham bt Palmer, 3 and 2; Firth bt Boles, 5 and 3; Morgan bt Robinson, 2 and 1; Tebbet bt Gillings, 2 and 1.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Snooker could be the cue for a change in funding

By Jane Wyatt

The announcement by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker *Association* (WPBSA) of a sponsorship package in excess of £20,000 for the development of disabled sport in Britain is expected to make other governing bodies reconsider their positions on the funding of, and facilities offered to, disabled players in their particular sports.

Although the WPBSA has been involved in previous years with the British Sports Association for the Disabled through sponsorship of national events, this year's support represents a new approach. As well as underwriting national and regional championships, funds will be available to develop a coaching scheme and encourage interactive use of existing billiards and snooker clubs.

In addition, some of the association's top names are willing to use their influence in attracting recognition for their disabled counterparts. According to the company secretary, Martyn Blake, the WPBSA holds the view that "sport is an across-the-board activity. We may have the elite performers, but our membership comes from the amateur ranks, the public. We make no distinction with disabled people, but we realize a positive commitment has to be made in order to encourage a higher standard of play, to create credible tournaments and to give disabled players the opportunity to enjoy the facilities available to everyone."

Philip Lewis, chairman of BSAD, said: "The sponsorship is very generous in monetary terms, but it means much more than that. The support and status of such a well-known world-governing body means that our sport is elevated by association. It helps our members to be seen as snooker or billiards players first, not as disabled first."

Martin Blake believes it is time other organizations began to support wider grass-roots development and to consider the implications of inter-active participation. "When BSAD approached the Sports Council and other governing bodies, they were reluctant to put significant money forward. After all, £50 doesn't do much to start a credible coaching system, for example. We're a professional body but we recognize that we have an obligation to put something back into the public arena and we feel others should do the same. After all, our money does come from the general public."

It is a view supported by Lewis, who said: "We're hoping for a snowball effect."

Thomas is pressed by Lawson

By Chris Smart

Vicki Thomas, the Curtis Cup international attempting to win the Welsh Women's Golf Championship for a record seventh time, led the 16 qualifiers into the matchplay stages at Conwy yesterday with a 36-hole total of 154 – six over par.

This gave her a two-stroke lead over Helen Lawson, aged 23, who has taken a week off work without pay to stake her claim for a full international team place.

Playing solidly, Mrs Thomas reached the turn in her afternoon round in 35 but slipped a little on the way home, dropping strokes on three of the last five holes.

QUALIFIERS: 154: V Thomas (Pennard), 79, 75; 156: H Lawson (Bull Bay), 79, 76; 157: L Dermot (St Melyd), 77, 80; 159: S Roberts (Maesdu, Llandudno), 84, 75; J Foster (Pontardawe), 80, 79; 160: L Isherwood (Royal Porthcawl), 83, 77; K Bradley (Bargoed), 79, 81; 161: S Thomas (Pressatyn), 79, 82; 163: F Connor (North Wales), 84, 79; A Prichard (Royal Porthcawl), 80, 83; 164: G Davies (Ashburnham), 83, 81; S Turner (Bull Bay), 81, 83; D Richards (Bargoed), 79, 85;

Top players eager to state their case

From John Hennessy, St Germain-en-Laye

The big guns were quick to assert their authority in the *Hennessy Cup women's pro*fessional golf tournament here yesterday morning. Nothing the other players could do later in the day much affected a parade of pedigree led by Corinne Dibnah, Australian holder of the British Open, on 67, five under par.

Then came Marie-Laure Taya, *the French holder, on 68*, followed on 69 by Laura Davies, a recent winner of both the British and United States Opens, and Kitrina Douglas, winner here in 1987.

The group of four, one shot farther back, include Catherine Panton and Jody Rosenthal, who, like Douglas, are former *British Amateur champions*.

By her own forthright admission Dibnah has "played garbage" this year, but she dropped only one shot yesterday, at the 326-yard third, where she chipped to four feet and missed the putt.

Otherwise it was pretty well roses all the way with two birdies to sign off with; a three at the 17th (334 yards), where she hit an 8-iron to eight feet, and a four at the 18th (452 yards) where she holed a 20-foot putt.

It was much the same story with the admirably steady Taya, except that her one shot dropped to par came at the last (in fact, the ninth). This was the only time she missed a green *and she paid for* it with a chip to eight feet and two putts.

Davies kept more or less to her plan to curb her adventurous spirit. She used her driver only at the four par fives, otherwise it was mostly a two-iron, a club which has a little less loft than usual. Her only blemish was a third putt on the first green, her tenth.

LEADING SCORES (British unless stated): 67: C Dibnah (Aus), 68: M-L Taya (Fr), 69: L Davies, K Douglas, 70: C Panton, J *Rosenthal (US), A Alfredsson (Swe)*, J Greco (Swe), 71: C Soulès (Fr), D Dowling, L Maritz (SA), D Barnard, A Jones (Aus), A Nicholas, A Dibos (Peru), 72: M de Boer (Neth), S Van Wyk (SA), S de Kray (US), P Lisco (US), A Sheard (SA), L Mullard (Aus).

Hole in one a loser

Mark Law, who has a handicap of six, has earned himself a place in the record *books – by* hitting a hole in one at a par-four hole and losing a competition because of it.

Goring and Streatley, in Berkshire, rounded off their captain's day by inviting members to try to qualify for the Yonex national long driving championship and used their 326-yard opening hole as the test. Bob Burnett, who has a handicap of four, went through the green with a drive of 345 yards but then 25-year-old Law had a go.

Players were allowed to hit three balls with their own driver and three with a Yonex and Law, using the £250 club, sent a ball sailing onto the green.

According to the junior members, who were doing the measuring, his ball was certain to go further than Burnett's. But it struck the flagstick and dropped into the hole.

CYCLING

BCF officials to explain their decision

By Peter Bryan

Officials of the British Cycling Federation will meet Aime Omloop, of Belgium, the senior Milk Race international referee, tomorrow to explain a breach of am-pro recommendations in the 1,100-mile race which starts on Sunday at Welwyn.

Faced with the Soviet Union's withdrawal this week, the federation considered it impossible to invite a replacement overseas team or select an additional one from home riders in order to retain the required two-to-one ratio of amateurs to professionals. Instead, Britain's Ever Ready professional squad, led by Tony Doyle, will compete in a race now comprising seven professional and 10 amateur squads.

● Joey McLoughlin, the winner in 1987 and runner-up to Malcolm Elliott last year, has confirmed that he will be riding, for the Z-Peugeot team, in the Kellogg's professional Tour of Britain

HOCKEY

A welcome change to county rule

By Joyce Whitehead

A player qualifies for the county in which the club she plays for is situated. This was decided at the All-England Women's Hockey Association annual general meeting in Loughborough.

It will be welcomed by talented players who live in one county and belong to a club in another county. Since time immemorial this situation has caused unrest.

A club is affiliated to its county and has a calendar of events which is not necessarily the same as that over the county boundaries. In many counties, such as Shropshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire, a player's nearest club may be over the border and, when she had to attend trials of the county in which she resides, it meant far more travelling, and trials and matches possibly clashed with her club match schedule. The new decision, long overdue, can do nothing but help players, clubs and counties.

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Making the others believe in Brundle

GRAHAM WOOD

Man and machines: triumph in the world sportscar championship has brought Brundle the trappings of success, but it is the Formula One title which remains the ultimate goal

We were at about 1,300 feet and climbing through haze when Martin Brundle mentioned that it was only four months since he had gained his helicopter pilot's licence and it felt a bit funny flying this odd little machine which he had borrowed for the day, his own having gone in for service, and with our weight right on the limit he hoped the wind didn't get much stronger . . .

Given his only passenger's fear of attaining any height above that reached by walking on thick linoleum, all this was taken remarkably casually in the plastic bubble bringing us from a Silverstone test session, where Brundle had been shaking down the Brabham car he will race in the Mexican Grand Prix on Sunday.

But then any one of the estimated 900 million people taken, by the television camera mounted in the cockpit of Brundle's race-car, to the heart of the drama of the Grand Prix in Monaco two weeks ago, would have shared the belief that should crisis arrive they were in the hands of a cool customer indeed.

Viewers had looked over Brundle's shoulder during his 36-lap chivvying of Nigel Mansell before passing him to gain third place: had seen him cursing, but coping when his own car began to misbehave; sat with him, the calm eye of a storm of pit activity, through three endless minutes as battery failure was finally diagnosed; and then cowered back in armchairs as he rejoined the race and from eleventh position stormed round Monaco's winding alley of a circuit to sixth place.

"I think people outside the business now know I work for a living," he says. "Before Monaco they thought I just went out for an afternoon drive every second Sunday during the summer." He made it sound as exciting as hiring out deckchairs part-time in the park.

"But when they saw that it means having your body strapped in so tight it hurts while your arms and legs jerk about under G-loads of four times' normal and your head is being banged about like a jelly, and when they see you having to make 2,500 gear changes, I think they see why anyone other than the super-fit lose half a stone and have to be lifted from their cars at the end."

But what matters more to Brundle is what people inside the business now believe. "I think it has always been accepted that I was a bit quick," he says. "But 'Brundle? Yes he is fast,' some used to say, 'but does he want for a bit of aggression?' I hope I have done for that. I came back out at Monaco . . . *steaming*.

"I had nothing to lose, so it was flat out, storming, all the way. I gave no second chances to anyone; I went up the inside and gave them the choice, get over or hit me. I was on the limit, it was like driving 26 qualifying laps.

"And for what? One point; when it should have a performance to put me on the rostrum. I would feel more sick about it, seen the effort a waste, if I did not think I had made my point along the pit lane. Yes, even to the people in this Brabham team.

They put their faith in me, giving me this drive. I think they now know that it was no boast when I used to say given the equipment I am a winner." So Monaco was good for Brabham, one of racing's great marques, and for Brundle: "I think I made racing draw a line under my name."

Making others believe is what Martin Brundle has been engaged in these past two years. It was his decision to leave Grand Prix racing which startled his sport: getting a GP car, *any* car, is what young drivers strive for; they just do not walk away from the chance. But after three seasons in which he gained 10 scattered points, he grew sick of reading about his "great potential" and "trundling around the middle of GP fields with no real chance of winning anything other than a few more kind words".

Winning five races for Jaguar to make himself world sportscar champion during this sabbatical justified Brundle's decision. "It was not a gamble, given my faith in myself and my faith in Jaguar's professionalism," he says. "Me and them had what it takes. After I won the title it was all 'however did Formula One let this guy escape?' This is a sport rich in hindsight. But yes, if I had failed to win the title I was history. Many have stepped out of GP racing and never gone back.

"It would not have been exactly disaster. I was well paid, I could have stayed with sports cars and had most of all this . . . " The gesture took in the helicopter, the vintage Bentley waiting to take him to lunch with his business managers, the outside businesses which contribute to an income probably approaching £300,000 a year. "You race against brilliant drivers in superb machines; no way is that any sort of second division.

"But having carefully explained that to you, the reality is that deep inside I know that if I don't really do it in Formula One I will have done nothing that means most to me. I want to be world GP champion, then look for something else to do."

Winning that sportscar title got Brundle the Brabham drive. And so underpinned his composure that he was the fastest of the drivers in the pre-qualifying laps in the season's first GP in Brazil, and was most fearless and thus fastest Briton at Imola when rain during timed practice made the track, according to Mansell, undriveable.

None the less, he still has to pre-qualify for each race. Twenty teams have entered 39 cars for the season, but only 30 start in every race: the least-favoured 13 have their own one-hour race against the clock with only four going through to duel again later with the rest to decide places on the grid.

"What this means," Brundle says. "Is that by 8am on Friday nine team managers have the job of calling from Mexico to tell their sponsors: 'Don't bother to come. We will not be racing.' The expense getting the teams out there, the sense of let-down . . . well, this is not the best news to ring home.

"And it puts fantastic pressure on the drivers. One hour, 20 laps, and you had better be storming. Timing is so sophisticated today, they record your best straight-line speed at three places on the track, your fastest through every bend, your best acceleration, braking: putting all these component times together, the computer can draw up a profile of your absolutely ideal lap.

"And that is the minimum you will be allowed to achieve. You can chuck the car in the wall and be forgiven. You can cock up a bend and spin off, the team will shrug it away. But what you are not allowed is an off day, a day when you pitch your driving even a fraction off the absolute limit if that means finishing fifth-fastest — and out of the race before it's begun.

"Your timings are there for all your team, everyone in the sport, to see. Even when you don't have a TV camera on your shoulder, you are totally exposed to the gaze of those who know. There is no hiding place in Grand Prix racing. Does that pressure keep me awake? Not when I have done the work — the hours in the gym, the attention to every detail on the car. I review what the day will need, then sleep like a baby."

What of the extra risks involved in flat-out driving just to achieve the chance to go even faster for a grid place? "I have never forgotten what Ken Tyrrell said when I was trying to squeeze money from him in my first season: 'Son, you don't earn a penny because what you do is dangerous. You earn plenty because you are fast.' I have built my own philosophy on that.

"I remove all preventable risk from my life. I don't walk down the side of the road. I always drive cars with anti-lock brakes. My house is full of smoke alarms, fire alarms. I don't go near anything electrical without turning off mains. And with 400 hours a year flying myself about, I have made myself a very, very cautious airman."

This last was a good thought to cling to as we helicoptered off into the haze: but I do not expect Martin Brundle to be showing similar prudence when he sets off in pursuit of points this weekend: after Monaco, all are watching and there is no place to hide.

EQUESTRIANISM

Thomson has the chance of a double

By Jenny MacArthur

Mary Thomson, the runner-up at Badminton earlier this month and one of the few uninjured members of the long list for this year's European three-day event championships, has a chance of further distinction when she attempts a second win at The Polly Peck International Windsor three-day event which starts today in Windsor Great Park.

Thomson, who won the event in 1987, has two rides: the Legislator, an eight-year-old gelding owned jointly by the Carphone Group and Angela Pinder and having his first big test this weekend, and the ten-year-old King Max, winner of the Breda event in the Netherlands last year.

While many riders use Windsor as a stepping stone to advanced event such as Badminton and Burghley, Thomson is under no illusions about King Max's ability. "Windsor is about his limit," she said. "He just stops when it gets bigger."

Nicola May and Leslie Law, seventh and eighth at Badminton respectively and both riding young horses this weekend, are the only other members of the long list competing.

Ian Stark and Karen Straker both had to withdraw following falls, with Rodney Powell still unable to ride after injuring his back before Badminton and Virgina Leng, the world champion, nursing a cracked rib after a fall at Punchestown last week, the selectors main wish this weekend is to see the three long-listed riders complete the event

Rachel Hunt, who has a good chance of being added to the long list with her top horse, Alof, if they go well at Bramham next weekend, is likely to be a threat to Thomson.

She is riding the ten-year-old Night Watch, who has been placed at several three-day events including Breda last year, where he was runner-up to Thomson. Hunt had to miss Badminton, the main trial for the European championships, after breaking her collar bone

Other riders with a good chance of claiming a share in the £5,500 prize-money include Andrew Harris, attempting a second successive win, who rides The Trustee, seventeenth at Badminton last year, and the less experienced Threadneedle, aged eight; Robert Lemieux, the national champion with two promising short-term rides in The Fiddler and Review Point; Diana Clapham, the 1984 Olympic team silver medal-winner with Richard Walker's Cetawayo.

The event, which begins at dressage today and ends with the show jumping on Sunday, is divided into four sections: three senior and the British junior championship, from which the junior selectors will draw up a long list for the European championships in Switzerland.

FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CUP FINAL ONLY SERVES TO ILLUMINATE THE WIDENING GULF BETWEEN THE CONTINENTAL AND ENGLISH GAME

FA to seek advice in high street

By Louise Taylor

The Football Association is to seek guidance on customer relations from big public companies, including Marks and Spencer.

"We are looking at effective liaison with supporters," Glen Kirton, an FA spokesman, said yesterday. "We have approached several leading companies asking for advice and I will have a meeting with someone working on the public relations side from Marks and Spencer shortly. We are looking to companies where the customer is everything for advice to make sure we know what our market wants."

The FA's new-found readiness to court the supporters who finance football was further emphasized when the FA Council decided in London yesterday to invest £4,000 in a survey to find out what the paying public think about plastic pitches. "It is the example of the way we are looking to market the game," Kirton said.

The council also established a committee consisting of either three or five FA council members, plus Football League representatives, to report to Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster.

Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, confirmed that the committee will discuss the efficacy of last week's proposals from Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, who suggested banning away supporters from selective matches.

"The chairman's ideas weren't discussed in any detail at the council meeting, but I know the committee will want to consider the practical restrictions which could be placed on away supporters in very great detail," Kelly said.

The feasibility of increasing the number of seats within existing stadiums will also be considered by the committee.

"Introducing all seater stadiums would be a massive step, which even if it were agreed, could not be acted on quickly," Kelly said. "Nevertheless, if England want to host major championships we will have to see a much higher proportion of seats."

Kelly knows the committee must attempt to restore the FA's credibility by offering some pertinent potential solutions to the game's problems.

"We must reconstruct public confidence in the game," he said. "We need to break out of the trap created by hooligans on one hand and outdated facilities at grounds on the other."

The European Championship provided the Football Association with the nucleus of a profit of almost £1 million from international matches in 1988. Out of a turnover of £11,188,363, the FA made a retained profit of £274,401 that year.

Coaches ignore the blindingly obvious

By David Miller

Not only is there a closed door on English football clubs in Europe. Forty-two years after deigning to rejoin FIFA, the English still have closed minds.

The Football Association recently had the opportunity to approach Leo Beenhakker, Real Madrid's coach, about joining England's international coaching staff, as a potential successor to Bobby Robson when his contract ends next year. Beenhakker — who has now signed for Ajax — was interested. Bert Millichip, the FA chairman, was enthusiastic and put forward the idea.

Not one member of the senior international committee even wished to discuss the proposal. "I was really surprised," Millichip says.

It has never been any different and probably never will be. When England lost to the United States in 1950 in the World Cup, the FA left no one behind in Brazil to study the final stages. There have never been more than a handful of English managers attending the finals of the World Cup or European championship.

There was, as far as I am aware, only one, Trevor Francis, of Queen's Park Rangers, at the most exhilarating European Cup final for many years, in Barcelona on Wednesday night.

Arrigo Sacchi has achieved with Milan the same revelation in attacking mentality as Enzo Bearzot established in the national team between 1976 and when winning the World Cup six years later.

"The first hour was as near perfection as I've seen," Francis said. "The pressing of Milan's players made it impossible for Steaua to do anything. Their work rate was as impressive as anything we see in England. It should be compulsory for our managers to see these matches."

Milan's performance rivalled that of Real Madrid when they crushed Eintracht Frankfurt in 1960. More than that, while Gullit and van Basten were little short of the calibre of Di Stefano and Puskas, the technique of many of the rest of Milan's team was superior to Real's at that time. Few teams have attacked so incisively from defence and midfield.

The English game, riven by internal bickering among miniscule and ignorant leaders, is sliding inexorably beneath the waves: its players increasingly inexperienced, its coaches provincial, its spectators internationally shunned.

The one way that English football, excluded from European competition, might stay in touch is by imaginative coaching; yet Liverpool are probably the only club who could live with either Steaua or the team which destroyed them. And our coaches don't know the difference.

The measure of Milan's brilliance is that Steaua are themselves highly accomplished and would, in my opinion, beat Liverpool on a two-leg encounter. When we consider that Liverpool at their best are in a class of their own at home, the prospect is alarming. Francis had forecast that Milan would win the cup after their display last summer at Wembley.

England's senior coaches and managers needed to be in Barcelona to comprehend the tactical gulf that is developing. Yet tactics alone cannot resolve England's problems. Milan have defenders, such as their full backs, Tassotti and Maldini and Baresi at centre back, who can control and pass a ball as well as, or better than, many English club forwards.

Colombo and Donadoni made Webb look pedestrian by comparison; so no one should be surprised if Italy, with probably five of this Milan team, were to sweep England aside should they meet in next year's World Cup finals. Alongside Maldini, England's left back, Pearce, is fourth-division quality.

Now that foreign teams have matched the work rate which helped English clubs dominate European football during the 1970s, our footballers cannot even hope to fall back on that traditional virtue of physical condition. There remains only the kind of positive attitude and character which we saw in the FA Cup final.

It is this character which appeals to foreigners, including foreign television audiences and is the attraction for coaches such as Beenhakker to try their hand in England. Bearzot said yesterday: "That was an excellent final at Wembley. You still have exciting football."

Yet when all the best English players have gone abroad, after European Community freedom in 1992, the founding nation of the game will be in danger of becoming a backwater. Television is encouraging us: Wednesday's match, in which Gullit and Van Basten played so sublimely, was thought worthy of only recorded "highlights".

Ghosts at Busby's birthday party

By David Miller

Busby: his legacy is fading

Sir Matt Busby, who celebrates his eightieth birthday today, has truly been the father of modern English football. The son of a Lanarkshire miner who was shot at Arras in 1916, he was the shy, homesick youngster with Manchester City who became an artistic wing half, won a Cup-winners' medal and ultimately emerged as the most revered figure English football has known.

As manager of Manchester United for 25 years, Busby was the initiator of almost every significant development in club attitudes, changes which brought to a formerly parochial game of the Thirties a new mentality capable of challenging the best in Europe. Busby's legacy is already beginning to fade.

Former players of Manchester United are giving a dinner in his honour next week, though for him the occasion will have mixed emotions. "I'm very happy still to be involved with the club," he says, yet the loss of his wife Jean in recent months lessens his sense of celebration, while every such occasion inevitably reminds him of the loss of that beautiful team in 1958.

"There have been sad things," he says, reflectively. After the Munich tragedy he observed once that, though he had prayed for death when he was lying in hospital, he knew he must succeed again for the sake of those who died, "for otherwise my life would have no meaning."

Taking over at war-torn Old Trafford in 1945, with the club a then substantial £15,000 in the red, Busby proceeded to revolutionize the attitudes of management. He was the first to establish the absolute authority of the manager over directors in team affairs; he pressed for the abolition of the maximum wage, to resist foreign fees, 15 years before its advent; he startled other clubs by paying maximum benefits whenever due, and the maximum wage even to teenagers; he established the principle of youth squads and won the Youth Cup five times in succession.

Above all, he led English clubs into the European Cup when the Football League myopically tried to prevent this, and his fabulous young team that perished was playing a 4-2-4 formation (instead of the conventional 2-3-5) several years before Brazil made it fashionable.

Long before coaches were talking of "running off the ball," Busby was proclaiming in 1960: "I look forward to the day when we place a premium on ability to read the game and play it mentally without the ball, on adaptability, when all forwards can play in all positions."

His record of achievement, although statistically surpassed by Bob Paisley with Liverpool, remains in my opinion unequalled: League champions five times, runners-up seven times, FA Cup winners twice, runners-up twice, semi-finalists six times, European Cup winners once, semi-finalists four times.

Remembering the insecurity of his own youth, of his mother being obliged to work at the pithead, Busby was notable for his sensitivity to his young players; and also for the multitude of courtesies that were extended to fellow managers and visitors to Old Trafford. In public relations he had few peers, and the greatest pity, for him and the club, is that by the time that George Best was developing, Busby no longer had the energy to pursue him with disciplinarian hand and advice.

In 25 years Busby built four outstanding winning teams: those of 1948 (FA Cup winners); 1958 (twice League champions and European semi-finalists), 1963 (FA Cup winners) and 1968 (European Cup winners) — four teams with 30 home-grown players and 14 others costing a total of £450,000. Of the team that crashed, only Gregg, Taylor and Berry cost fees; and of the team that won the European Cup, only Stepney, Dunne, Crerand and Law.

One of Busby's playing colleagues with Manchester City observed that he was a rare fellow because "you never knew whether he had won or lost" and he has carried this equanimity throughout his life. As the *Manchester Guardian* wrote at the time of Munich: "Because he has no time for drilled footballers, the genius he discovered remained genius. Even under strain his players invested the playing of the game with something near indeed to glory in the imagination of hundreds of thousands who had never come within miles of Manchester."

The winning of the European Cup, Busby says, was the best moment. "The FA weren't very happy when we first entered, and it was a wonderful tribute to players such as Bobby Charlton and to the club." He is tactful in his assessment of the game today. "Liverpool, Forest, they've great talent, but I think there's more emphasis on defence these days. Let's leave it at that." And why not?

English television hits N Irish crowd

By Clive White

The Irish FA intend to investigate ways of stopping transmission of live football coverage from England into Northern Ireland next season. Ulster Television's decision to show the Liverpool v Arsenal championship-decider live tonight threatens to devastate the attendance for the international match between Northern Ireland and Chile at Windsor Park.

It is feared that the crowd could be as small as 3,000, a record low for Windsor Park, in which case the Irish FA would expect to lose as much as £40,000 on the evening.

The Irish FA, who were hoping for a gate of more than 10,000, are already in receipt of some payment for television rights but feel that this is inadequate in the light of recent events.

ITV did not think a repetition of tonight's clash was likely. "It's unfortunate that the Irish game has been affected, but dates have had to be changed after Hillsborough," Jeff Foulser, an ITV sports producer, said.

Despite the absence of McClelland, Worthington and Whiteside, the Irish are in a better frame of mind to penetrate opposing defences. Since the forwards, Clarke and Quinn, moved from the substitutes bench to first team action with their new clubs, Queen's Park Rangers and Bradford City, respectively, they have scored freely.

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): T Wright (Newcastle United); G Fleming (Nottingham Forest), A McDonald (Queen's Park Rangers), M Donaghy (Manchester United), A Rogan (Celtic), D Wilson (Luton Town), K Wilson (Chelsea), D McCreery (Newcastle United), K Black (Luton Town) C Clarke (Queen's Park Rangers), J Quinn (Bradford City).

Black market crash

Sales of tickets on the black market for this year's FA Cup final were down 80 per cent on last season according to a survey by Liverpool City Council's trading standards department (Louise Taylor writes).

Peter Mawdsley, the council's chief trading standards officer, said: "With the two finalists getting 37,000 tickets each, rather than 25,000 apiece last year, less were available and touting was drastically reduced. From our inquiries, the most inflated price paid was £200 for an £18 seat."

The council will compare the results of this season's investigation with those contained in a similar report it compiled last year so that recommendations can be made to the FA about the allocation of Cup Final tickets for 1990.

● Luton Town yesterday blocked the transfer of the former England midfield player, Ricky Hill, to the French second division club, Le Havre. Luton's directors are angry at Hill's claim that Luton had reneged on the promise of a free transfer. John Smith, the Luton managing director, said Hill had signed a three-year contract two years ago and had been promised a free transfer at the end of it.

Promotion not in bag Orient told

By Martin Searby

Frank Clarke, the Leyton Orient manager, is quick to dispel the idea that his team has only to turn up to beat Wrexham and win the fourth promotion place from the fourth division.

As his players sang "Here We Go" in the bath after beating Scarborough, on Wednesday, Clarke shouted into the dressing room: "Tell them to shut up, they haven't won anything yet."

Clarke said: "We have had two very hard games with Wrexham, this season, winning at their place and losing at home."

Orient meet Wrexham, who have spent six years in the fourth division, in the first leg of the final play-off at The Racecourse ground on May 31 at 7.45pm and then in the second leg at Brisbane Road on June 3.

"I was disappointed at our performance against Scarborough because we didn't make the best use of the ball when we had it and, despite the euphoria, the players are aware of that," Clarke said.

Scarborough forced Orient to defend for almost the entire match, but scored only once, through Martin Russell in the 70th minute. At one stage the Orient goalkeeper, Paul Heald, cleared a shot off the goal-line.

Wrexham, who lead 3-1 after their first-leg match at home to Scunthorpe, won 5-1 on aggregate after Russell scored twice in the first half.

Orient hope to change the kick-off time to midday, on June 3, to avoid a clash with the English match against Poland

Last orders for Rovers' return

By Ian Ross

Although Don Mackay, the manager of Blackburn Rovers, remains unsure as to whether or not his side has the ability necessary to survive at the top level of English football, he would welcome the opportunity to find out.

On Wednesday night Blackburn moved to within two games — against Crystal Palace — of regaining the first division status they surrendered 23 years ago when they held Watford to a 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road to progress through into the final stages of the second division play-offs on the away goals rule.

Standing between Blackburn and the realization of Mackay's personal dream of promotion are Palace, who, having defeated Swindon Town 2-1 on aggregate, will now visit Ewood Park next Wednesday for a game which seems certain to attract a capacity crowd of 18,000. The second leg is on the following Sunday afternoon.

"Some people have been congratulating me and my players on overcoming Watford but the truth of the matter is that we have achieved nothing at all as of yet. We are still outside of the first division and are still very much a second division side," Mackay said.

"We worked very hard at Watford and perhaps surprised a few people by getting a result. I think that many felt that we had blown our chances in the first game when we failed to score.

"Although we did a professional job at Vicarage Road we can play a good deal better. It should be interesting against Crystal Palace because they finished the season being heralded as the second division's in-form team. That may be the case but it should not be forgotten that we only lost one of our last 11 games."

He added: "Some of my players have a lot to prove, not to me or to the Blackburn public, but to their former clubs. I do not know whether my team is equipped to do well in division one; people have been telling me for a while that I have players who are not even good enough for the second division. I have players in my team who have been written off by other clubs and by other managers. They will not require a great deal of motivating before we face Crystal Palace".

Meanwhile, Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, has given his players warning that the job of getting to the first division has been only half completed. Their 2-0 win over Swindon in the semi-final decider at Selhurst Park came with a goal apiece from the deadly Ian Wright-Mark Bright striking partnership. But Coppell emphasized: "We haven't done anything yet. You don't get anything for finishing second."

Bright's eighth minute opening goal, his 25th goal of the season, was vital for Palace. Coppell said: "I always thought that once we got that first goal we could go on and win the tie. It was a good team performance. The lads are ecstatic."

Palace lost 5-4 in the league at Blackburn this season — and only drew 2-2 at home — so Coppell's men clearly still have a job on their hands.

YACHTING

Walker's success creates a quandary

By Barry Pickthall

Can the Royal Ocean Racing Club afford to turn its back on Graham Walker's second-place performance at last week's One Ton Cup world championship when it selects Britain's three-boat Admiral's Cup team?

Last week, the owners of rival yachts decided to transfer the British trials to Kiel week to give the fleet valuable experience against foreign competition without consulting Walker who was leading his Indulgence crew towards a top performance at the Naples regatta.

Walker, who captained the British team two years ago, wants to make some alterations to his yacht and says that his crew is not available for sail in the hastily-arranged trials.

"We've already shown our worth against top foreign competition and to make a token show at Kiel just to help the politicians within the RORC would not be good British yachting," Walker said yesterday.

Third British team enters

As Lawrie Smith and his Rothmans Whitbread crew head for the Clyde in search of competition and wind in the McEwan's Scottish series this weekend, and the Joint Services entry, British Defender, battles for second place among the monohulls on the return leg of the French transatlantic race to Lorient, a third British maxi team has announced its entry in this year's Whitbread round-the-world race.

Bob Salmon, who skippered Norsk Data, Chay Blyth's former Great Britain II in the last race four years ago, has purchased Padda Kuttel's 80ft Bruce Farr-designed Atlantic Privateer. The American yacht won the second stage of the race from Cape Town to Auckland.

Salmon and his yacht arrived in Fort Lauderdale yesterday after the first stage in a series of crew evaluation trials.

Pressure to repeal clause

Pressure continues to mount in Britain on the Whitbread race committee to repeal their disqualification clause for yachts that lose a crewman overboard. The rule has been introduced by the Royal Naval Sailing Association, to combat commercial and competitive pressures that may hinder skippers from instigating a full search.

The latest to add his voice to the protests over the issue is John Bourke, the chairman of the Offshore Racing Council, the governing body of the sport. He says: "Disqualification should not apply. A rule should not be needed to encourage proper behaviour at sea," he suggests, adding, "any rule that implies otherwise is dangerous because it could introduce the risk of partially condoning unacceptable behaviour."

Peter Blake, skipper of the New Zealand entry, Steinlager II, who has competed in all four previous Whitbread races, agrees. "The people taking part have to be trusted, or they shouldn't be in this race. Most will be wanting to 'play the game' and for those who don't, no amount of rule making will make the slightest difference."

Paul Rodgers, the lone sailor who set out from the Cape of Good Hope bound for Folkestone five weeks ago, intent on doubling the endurance record in an open boat, fetched up on the island off St Helena this week much the worse for wear.

The former Fleet Street journalist reports that his 18ft boat capsized four days after setting out and he was at the mercy of wind and sea, living off all that remained of his supplies — a bag of peanuts and raisins. He is booked on the next ship back to Cape Town where he intends to set out again with the boat 'suitably modified'.

Match Race yachts join Scots festival

British yachtsmen have their first opportunity to see the World Match Race championship boats in action over the next five days at the Clyde Cruising Club's annual Scottish Series on Loch Fyne this weekend (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Two of the new First Class Europes, the first in this country, will take part in the series which began with a long-distance feeder race starting from Gourock last night and finishing at Tarbert, Loch Fyne, today.

The Europes will be part of a 227-boat fleet racing in 10 classes.

The spectacle this year will be enhanced by the presence of no fewer than four IOR maxis, racing their own series within the regatta. Two local maxis, Drum and Helizara, will be joined by two of the Whitbread boats, Rothmans and With Integrity (ex-GBII).

ATHLETICS

Regis rematch with Smith

John Regis and Ade Mafe, the world and European indoor 200 metres champions respectively, will meet Calvin Smith, of the United States, in one of the feature races at the Pearl Assurance international between Great Britain, Hungary and an international select team at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth on June 11.

Regis took the bronze medal behind Smith at the world championships in Rome two years ago.

● David Sharpe, the former world junior 800 metres champion, has been forced to pull out of the HFC Bank UK championships in Jarrow next weekend with a shin injury.

IAN STEWART

Splintering (Pat Eddery) delivers a decisive late challenge to beat Thornfield Boy (John Reid) by half a length in the Sussex County Cricket Club 150th Anniversary Handicap at Goodwood yesterday. Eddery completed a double on Carol's Treasure

Stoute tightens fillies' prize grip

By Graham Rock

Michael Stoute's stranglehold on the major fillies' prizes this season tightened after he had sent out first and second in the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes at Goodwood yesterday, even if the result was something of a surprise, with Lady Shipley trouncing Miss Fancy That by an easy four lengths.

After consulting with Stoute, Walter Swinburn opted to ride Miss Fancy That, but while Lady Shipley was the outsider of the pair, she was the subject of steady support from 14-1 down to 8-1 so her success did not come as a complete surprise.

In the closing stages she drew well clear of her field, Greville Starkey pulling up his mount in the final stages to flatter the opposition but Dana Brudenell-Bruce, proprietor of the Snailwell Stud, said afterwards that her filly was not entered for the Oaks.

"Michael said she couldn't go for handicaps, but she was ready to run and this was the only race for her," the winning owner explained.

From his Newmarket stable, Stoute said: "She's had her problems with the stalls, but she's got a lot of ability."

He was pleased, too, by the performance of the runner-up and believes that Miss Fancy That will improve as a result of the outing.

He confirmed that Warrshan had come out of Wednesday's race well and is a confirmed runner for the Derby. Ladbrokes have clipped Prince Of Dance from 10-1 to 8-1 for the Epsom classic following speculation that Steve Cauthen might ride.

The reaction of bookmakers after the Lupe Stakes was to shorten Aliysa and Musical Bliss for the Oaks, and to lengthen Snow Bride, whose York success was slightly diminished by the running of Lucky Song, a neck behind Miss Fancy That here.

William Hill make Stoute 2-1 on to win the Oaks with Swift Leisure offering 7-4 against any other stable taking the fillies' classic.

John Hills landed the second double of his career with Carol's Treasure and For Action. The five-year-old Carol's Treasure had not enjoyed success since winning at the York Ebor meeting three years ago, but came late under Pat Eddery to beat Absolution by a length in the Weathercall Handicap.

Carol's Treasure had been turned out for a couple of days at the Kingwood Stud following his good run at York last week and Hills believes that this success will have boosted the horse's confidence. "If the ground at Ascot is rock hard and they drop out like flies I would look at the King's Stand Stakes," he said.

Glencroft, winner of nine handicaps last year, made his reappearance and finished sixth, about five lengths behind the winner. Racing without blinkers, and having missed the break, he showed all his prodigious speed and only gave best inside the final furlong. He should be at his peak next time, and could be a threat to better-fancied rivals in the King's Stand.

Beauchamp Cactus, backed down to odds-on for the Kincsem Handicap, could finish only third to John Hills's For Action, who carried top weight to victory by four lengths. "She will take her chance in the Ascot Stakes — she's very game and keeps on going," Hills enthused.

Steve Cauthen had an armchair ride when Olympic Hero landed the odds in the Cucumber Stakes. David Elsworth described the winner as his best two-year-old colt and said that he would run next in either the Norfolk Stakes or the Coventry Stakes at the royal meeting.

Peter Walwyn also had a double, Pat Eddery driving home Splintering in the Sussex County Cricket Club 150th Anniversary Handicap and Walter Swinburn giving the Lambourn trainer his first victory for owner Ravi Tikkoo when Minstrel Guest survived a stewards' inquiry in the first division of the Boxgrove Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Goodwood

Going: firm

2.10 (6f) 1, SPLINTERING (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2, Thornfield Boy (J Reid, 11-1); 3, Deep Reef (I Johnson, 20-1); 4, Pitasa (A McGlone, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Love Prince, 10 Shillelagh, Corald (5th), 11 Tortus (6th), 12 Yeoman Force, Southrop, 14 Murmuring, Easter Glory, 16 Runcible Cat, Stocious, 25 Absolutely Humming, Conway King, 33 Moor Frolicking, Panama Princess. 18 ran. NR: Cronk's Courage. ¾l, 2½l, 1l, 1½l, ¾l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £1.80, £2.60, £9.50, £1.60. DF: £55.30. CSF: £94.39. Tricast: £1,590.92. 1min 10.72sec.

2.40 (6f) 1, OLYMPIC HERO (S Cauthen, 8-13 fav: Michael Seely's nap); 2, Across The Bay (W Ryan, 14-1); 3, Mogul Prince (A McGlone, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Brown Carpet (4th), 9 Shamyl (5th), 33 Monkey Love (6th). NR: Quick Tempo, Rasheed. 6 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 5l, 6l, 5l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.90. DF: £8.30. CSF: £8.98. 1min 12.01sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, LADY SHIPLEY (G Starkey, 8-1); 2, Miss Fancy That (W R Swinburn, 5-2); 3, Lucky Song (R Cochrane, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Muhbubh (5th), 20 Arctic Play (6th), 33 Halstead, Persian Moon (4th). 7 ran. 4l, nk, 6l, 6l, 5l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £13.80; £3.50, £1.80. DF: £11.90. CSF: £25.92. 2min 06.95sec.

3.40 (5f) 1, CAROL'S TREASURE (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav); 2, Absolution (W Carson, 9-2); 3, Love Legend (J Carter, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ski Captain (5th), 8 Ashtina, 10 Wekayi, Micro Love, 12 Glencroft (6th), 16 Gallant Hope (4th). 9 ran. 1l, hd, ½l, hd, 1l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £15.35. Tricast: £65.41. 57.47sec.

4.10 (2m 3f) 1, FOR ACTION (P Cook, 11-2); 2, Crisos Pasatiempo (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 3, Beauchamp Cactus (W Carson, 4-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Spring Forward (4th), 20 Highland Bounty (5th), 25 Altountash, 40 Lesbet (6th), 50 The Main Man. 10 ran. NR: King Menelaos, Bywell Lad. 4l, 1l, 20l, 3l, ¾l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £5.40; £1.50, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £8.70. CSF: £34.31. Tricast: £47.08. 4min 14.34sec.

4.45 (7f) 1, MINSTREL GUEST (W R Swinburn, 11-4 fav); 2, Spanish Love (J Reid, 33-1); 3, Puff Puff (R Fox, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Satin Silk, 6 Chacewater, Fenfire (6th), 13-2 Miss Swansong (4th), 8 Lutine Royal (5th), 16 Katie Scarlett, 33 Singing Stream. 10 ran. NR: Bournville. ¾l, 1l, ½l, 3l, ¾l. P Walwyn at Seven Barrows. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £4.40, £3.60. DF: £112.00. CSF: £89.98. 1min 28.66sec. After a stewards' inquiry the result stood.

5.20 (7f) 1, KERITA (J Reid, 5-6 fav: Mandarin's nap & Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Zaffarella (R Cochrane, 6-1); 3, African Dash (M Roberts, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 8 By Far (5th), 8 Meanie Minna (4th), 33 Forvola, Ganger Camp, Lateral Thinking, Persian Veil (6th), Royal Destiny. 10 ran. NR: Andbell, Double Entendre. 1l, 6l, ¾l, 4l, 2l. R Johnson Houghton at Blewbury. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.55. 1min 27.30sec.

Jackpot: not won. (Pool of £1,833.75 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Placepot: £37.20.

Catterick Bridge

Going: firm

2.0 (5f) 1, TAMARA'S TWINKLE (J Carroll, 2-1); 2, Tender Charm (S Perks, 13-8 fav); 3, Forever More (J Lowe, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Just Imagine (5th), 33 As D'Eboli (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 3l, 4l, 1½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.01.

2.30 (5f) 1, PUSSY FOOT (G Duffield, 7-2 fav); 2, Cratalu (M Birch, 7-1); 3, Spa Creative (A Munro, 16-1); 4, Devils Dirge (T Ives, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 17-2 Fulham Trader, 10 Auntie Di, Pentagon Rose, 12 Paper Shoes, Astronomer (6th), 16 Baroness Julie, 20 Matching Spell, 25 Always Treasure, Run For Joyce (5th), 33 Hot Wire, Howling Gael, Russian Express, Ebor Nova. 17 ran. NR: Aughtad, Lady Keyser. 3l, 3l, 1l, nk, 1½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.30, £3.90, £2.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £26.85. Tricast: £315.91.

3.0 (6f) 1, LONG ISLAND (L Dettori, 15-2); 2, Farieta (M Hills, 7-4 fav); 3, Beachy Glen (M Birch, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Blueblack (6th), Inhotep, 11-2 Flaming Glory (5th), 14 Cosmic Dancer (4th). 7 ran. 3l, 3l, ½l, nk, 1½l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £14.60; £3.60, £1.40. DF: £11.40. CSF: £20.58.

3.30 (1m 7f 180yd) 1, CLEAVERS GATE (T Ives, 8-1); 2, Dalby Dancer (Dean McKeown, 4-1); 3, Tamaric (M Birch, 100-30 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Bean Boy, 17-2 Peter Martin (6th), 9 Eurocon, 12 Dove Grey (5th), 14 Holy Buoy, One For The Pot, 16 Lovenko, 33 Between The Sheets (4th), 50 Via Veritas. 12 ran. 2l, 3l, 1l, 2½l, sh hd. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £4.60; £2.20, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £18.10. CSF: £37.34. Tricast: £117.48.

4.0 (1m 4f 40yd) 1, ARTHURS STONE (L Dettori, 12-1); 2, Shadeed (J Bleasdale, 5-1); 3, Formation (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav On The Bend, 11-2 Sherzine, 8 Dan The Man (5th), 12 Nivil Reef, Simply First Class, Parsong, 14 Glastondale (6th), 20 Prince Rob (4th), Canty's Gold, 25 Aluda Queen, 50 Dru Ri's Bru Ri, First Tower. 15 ran. NR: Height O'Battle. 1½l, 1¾l, 1½l, 6l, sh hd. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £10.00; £3.00, £2.20, £12.60. DF: £61.90. CSF: £70.58.

4.30 (7f) 1, ERIVAN (M A Giles, 7-2); 2, Lady Carroll (B Raymond, 10-11 fav); 3, Skiplam Wood (S Morris, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Danrab (4th), 12 Beryl's Young Man, Sky Cloud (6th), 20 Tap Dancing, Miss Sarahsue (5th), 25 Madam Melody, 50 Shackman, 100 Dreamtime Dancer. 11 ran. 3l, 4l, sh hd, 1l, 1½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £2.20, £1.20, £17.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £7.15.

5.0 (7f) 1, COOL ENOUGH (M Hills, 5-1); 2, Se-Aq (Dean McKeown, 25-1); 3, Honey Boy Simba (J Fortune, 8-1); 4, Gods Solution (G Carter, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Indian Maestro, 12 The Mazall (5th), 14 Council Rock, Henry Will, Warthill Girl, 16 Coincidental, Bronze Cross, Leacroft, 20 Harken Premier, Mother Country, 25 Kiram, Statby (6th), Evening Hour, Major Don, 50 Hyde Princess, Vaigly Visible. 20 ran. 3l, ¾l, 4l, ½l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden at Thirsk. Tote: £7.30; £2.50, £4.00, £2.00, £1.80. DF: £96.30. CSF: £116.25. Tricast: £925.64.

Placepot: £19.70.

Spartan Lemon can crown Welsh treble

By Brian Beel

THE TIMES Point-to-point Championship

The very fast ground at Towcester today has had the inevitable effect on the number of runners for *The Times* Championship final but it nonetheless looks an intriguing contest.

All six starters were winners last time out and all in different parts of the country. Consequently, establishing form lines is difficult, although Dynusa's Boy and Pusharda met at Marks Tey and Queensland Drover and Crunch ran in the same division of the maiden at the Heythrop.

Dynusa's Boy was second to Quick Advice with Pusharda down the field and the two can be connected again as, when winning his last race, the restricted at Peper Harrow, The Equaliser was five lengths behind.

A week later at Marks Tey, Pusharda met The Equaliser in a four-horse race and just won by a head. David Turner is the top point-to-point rider of all time and the only non-claimer under Rules in the race. His experience will be invaluable but Pusharda looks to have the least chance of all.

A late change in rider for Dynusa's Boy is significant as the talented Tim Moore is taking over from his regular pilot, Jane Bennett, the daughter of the owner.

Only two horses have had experience in hunter chases over fences stiffer than they normally meet each Saturday in point-to-points and on each of these occasions neither distinguished himself.

On this course just a month ago when the going was heavy, Crunch jumped well enough but was a well-beaten fifth while Daraheen Sniper finished also just out of the frame in the race won by Joist at Newton Abbot.

Crunch's next run was a winning one at Kingston Blount under his owner Chris Marriott, on the same day that Ian Widdicombe won the adjacent at Ottery St Mary on Daraheen Sniper.

Other than a restricted open, Queensland Drover is the only horse to have won an open race, being successful in the ladies' open at the Cotswold Vale meeting run on firm going at Andoversford.

Sue Sadler's mount is also the only horse to have won his last two races but he is one of only two — Daraheen Sniper being the other — to have unseated his rider from a total of 38 outings between the six of them.

The first two runnings of the final resulted in wins for horses from Wales and a treble is a distinct possibility. Until 16 days ago Derrick Llewellin's mare, SPARTAN LEMON, had not done much of note other than come second in a couple of races from four outings.

On May 10, at Resolven, however, running in her first race on firm going, she was a most impressive winner of the Llandeilo farmers' maiden race, winning easily by 15 lengths in the fastest time of the day.

By Spartan Jester, an unraced son of Spartan General, she showed signs of precociousness when running out in her third race but David Jones handled her well and I see no reason why this lapse should be repeated today. Although relatively inexperienced, Spartan Lemon is my choice to win from Queensland Drover and Dynusa's Boy.

● Lord Purna, 10-length winner of the Cleveland restricted last time, can land the Guy Cunard Northern Point-to-Point Championship at Sedgefield.

Point-to-point results

STEVENSTONE (Stibbs Cross): Hunt: 1, Cuder (S Burrough); 2, Avon's Tune; 3, Stoker King. 4 ran. Ladies: 1, For A Lark (Miss A Turner); 2, Wells O'Wearie; 3, Laura Star. 8 ran. Open: 1, Mischievous Monk (M Felton); 2, Irish Noble. Only 2 ran. Adj: 1, Home Hill (Miss A Turner); 2, City Source. Only 2 ran. Rest: 1, Grey Ace (P Hosgood); 2, Ekaytee; 3, Bergan Bay. 7 ran. Mdn: 1, Lepus (G Turner); 2, Modesty Boy; 3, King Of Diamonds. 7 ran.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL LINE-UP

3.45 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Final: amateurs: £1,827: 3m 190yd) (6 runners)

1	322P51	CRUNCH 13 (F) (C Marriott) C Marriott 8-12-0 (Yellow, black triangle, green and yellow quartered cap)	C Marriott (7)	96
2	3U4151	DARAHEEN SNIPER 13 (F,G) (A H-Chappell) A H-Chappell 10-12-0 (Black, white hoops, halved sleeves, black and white quartered cap)	I Widdicombe (7)	97
3	F2-2121	DYNUSA'S BOY 20 (F,G) (J Oyler) J Oyler 8-12-0 (Yellow, red armlets, red cap)	T Moore (7)	96
4	423101	PUSHARDA 13 (F) (J Turner) J Turner 8-12-0 (Navy blue, white hoop, armlets and collar, check cap)	D Turner	95
5	23U211	QUEENSLAND DROVER 13 (F,S) (A G Down) A G Down 6-12-0 (Dark green and red stripes, red sleeves and cap)	Miss S Sadler (7)	98
6	F-24R21	SPARTAN LEMON 16 (F) (D Llewellin) D Llewellin 6-11-9 (Maroon, white crossbelts, dark green sleeves and cap)	D Jones (7) ●	99

● Line under form figure denotes hunter chase form; remainder is point-to-point form

BETTING: 5-2 Daraheen Sniper, 3-1 Queensland Drover, 4-1 Spartan Lemon, 9-2 Dynusa's Boy, 7-1 Crunch, 10-1 Pusharda.

1988: ST HELENS BOY 6-11-7 J Tudor (10-1) 13 ran

Form guide to the six contenders

CRUNCH

May 13, Kingston Blount, firm: (12-7) beat Synonymous (12-7) by 4l (3m, maiden, 13 ran).

April 27, Towcester, heavy: (11-3) over a distance last of five finishers to Swinhoe Croft (11-3) (3m 190yd novices' hunter chase, 10 ran).

April 11, Heythrop, good to soft: see Queensland Drover.

April 1, Mollington, good: (12-7) ½l 2nd to Arctic Paddy (12-7) (3m, *Times* restricted, 13 ran).

DARAHEEN SNIPER

May 13, Ottery St Mary, good to firm: (12-7) beat Lucky Hanassi (12-7) by a short head (3m, adjacent, 11 ran).

May 5, Newton Abbot, good: (11-7) 13¾l 5th to Joist (11-7) (3m 2f 100yd, novices' hunter chase, 12 ran).

April 22, Flete Park, good: (12-7) beat Bishopric (12-7) by 1½l (3m, *Times* restricted, 17 ran).

April 12, Stafford Cross, soft: (12-0) 15l 4th to Katesville (12-0) (3m, open, 14 ran).

DYNUSA'S BOY

May 6, Peper Harow, good to firm: (12-7) beat The Equalizer (12-7) by 5l (3m, restricted, 9 ran).

April 15, Marks Tey, soft: (12-7) 6l 2nd to Quick Advice (12-7) (3m, restricted, 12 ran) with Pusharda (12-7) a well-beaten 7th, 26l farther behind.

March 27, Marks Tey, good: (12-7) beat Ben Jarrow (12-7) by 2l (3m, members, 6 ran).

March 18, Detling, good: (12-7) a head 2nd to Political Judge (12-7) (3m, *Times* restricted, 7 ran).

PUSHARDA

May 13, Marks Tey, firm: (12-7) beat The Equalizer (12-7) by a head (3m, restricted, 4 ran).

April 15, Marks Tey, soft: see Dynusa's Boy.

April 1, Marks Tey, good to firm: (12-7) beat Grooved Swing (12-7) by 1½l (3m, maiden, 11 ran).

March 27, Marks Tey, good: (12-7) 20l 3rd to Dictatorship (12-7) (3m, maiden, 16 ran).

QUEENSLAND DROVER

May 13, Andoversford, firm: (11-0) beat Mendon Rose (11-0) by 5l (3m, ladies, 5 ran).

April 29, Woodford, good to soft: (12-7) beat Chance Buy (12-7) by ½l (3m, restricted, 11 ran).

April 15, Maisemore Park, good to soft: (12-7) 1l 2nd to Grove Tower (12-7) (3m, *Times* restricted, 19 ran).

April 11, Heythrop, good to soft: (12-7) unseated rider early in the race won by Brother Michael (12-7) with Crunch (12-7) pulled up.

SPARTAN LEMON

May 10, Resolven, firm: (12-7) beat Coyor (12-7) by 15l (3m, maiden, 12 ran).

April 22, Llantwit Major, good: (12-7) head 2nd to L C Monro (12-7) (3m, *Times* restricted, 12 ran).

April 8, Lydstep, good: (12-7) ran out in race won by Mainport Ragamuffin (12-7) (3m, maiden, 12 ran).

March 27, Lydstep, good to soft: (12-7) good to soft: (12-7) 10l 4th to Heluva Battle (12-7) (3m, maiden, 14 ran).

STUDENT SPORT

Durham ease through again

By Mark Herbert

Durham's smooth progress in the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) cricket championship continued this week with an eight-wicket win over Nottingham in the last of their group matches. They meet Lancaster at home in the first knockout round on Sunday with a full-strength side.

Durham restricted the Nottingham batsmen to 138 for eight off 60 overs on a perfect pitch, then passed the total in 25 overs. Jon Longley (50) and Tim O'Gorman (49) put on 102 for the first wicket, and Martin Speight's rapid 25 ensured victory.

The form of Durham's combined universities' players, and the news that the university has agreed to release Nasser Hussain and Speight from examinations scheduled for May 31, will strengthen the latter side's morale for their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Somerset on Wednesday.

Manchester, who defeated Keele by 214 runs, are another side in superb form. Their victory, founded on David Percival's 144, means that they have scored more than 200 runs and bowled out their opposition in all UAU matches this season. They meet Aberystwyth at the weekend.

In contrast the holders, Swansea, have played just one match in this year's championship and qualified for the knockout stage when UWCM scratched.

Warwick's team mini-bus crashed on the way to Exeter last weekend, injuring all nine players aboard. Two — Ashley Spencer and Rob Chandler — will miss the rest of the season and only a handful of Warwick's regulars will make the trip again on Sunday.

UEA were rescued by a sixth-wicket stand between Alan Mockridge (30) and Andy Roper (43 not out) before reaching a respectable total against Reading. Earl Manning, a West Indian pace bowler, then killed off Reading, taking five for 58 to repeat last year's quarter-final victory for East Anglia.

RESULTS: Hull 127, York 128-5; Nottingham 138-8, Durham 142-2; Bangor WO Salford; Manchester 285-7, Keele 71; Bath 118, Cardiff 119-7; UEA 159-9, Reading 133; Royal Holloway 180-9, Kent 136; Southampton 155, Essex 156-7; Imperial 111-5, Sussex 97. Draw for last sixteen: York v Sheffield, Durham v Lancaster, Bangor v Birmingham, Manchester v Aberystwyth, Cardiff v Loughborough, Exeter or Warwick v Swansea, UEA v Royal Holloway, Essex v Imperial. BPSA quarter-final: Hatfield 192-6, Thames 132.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

International match

N Ireland v Chile (Windsor Park, 8.0)

Barclays League

First division

Liverpool v Arsenal (8.05)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance Championship

11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0 (or 102 overs)

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent.

FOSTER'S OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire.

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.

Other matches

11.30 to 5.30 or 6.0

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Essex.

THE PARKS: Oxford University v Middlesex.

11.0 to 6.30

ORMEAU: Ireland v Northamptonshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Lancashire; BP Llandarcy: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire; Harrow: Middlesex v Surrey; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex; Caythorpe: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire; Glastonbury: Somerset v Worcestershire; Hastings: Sussex v Kent.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European open championships (London Arena).

BILLIARDS: World matchplay championship (Manchester).

CYCLING: Spring Cup city centre series (Sheffield, 7.0).

GOLF: Volvo PGA championship (Wentworth); English women's championship (Burnham and Berrow); Welsh women's team championship (Conwy).

SPEEDWAY: National League: Edinburgh v Arena Essex; Glasgow v Exeter; Hackney v Poole. 4TT: Peterborough. Speedway Supporters Club Trophy: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton.

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 10pm-midnight: Victorian Football League: Highlights of West Coast Eagles v Melbourne.

BASEBALL: Screensport 3-5.30pm: Major League: California Angels v New York Yankees. Eurosport 7-8pm: Major League: Highlights of San Francisco Giants v New York Mets. ITV 4-5am (tomorrow): Major League: Highlights of Oaklands Athletics v Detroit Tigers.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1.30-2.30pm: Rome horse show.

FOOTBALL: ITV 8-10pm: The match: Liverpool v Arsenal from Anfield. Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: Brazil v Rest of the World. Eurosport 10-11pm: European Cup final: Highlights of AC Milan v Steaua Bucharest from Barcelona.

GOLF: Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: Italian open: Highlights from Monticello. BBC1 11am-12.55pm, BBC2 2.20-5.30pm. Eurosport 8-10pm: Volvo PGA championship from Wentworth. Screensport 8.30-10.30pm: Colonial National Invitational: Final day from Fort Worth, Texas. Screensport 10.30-11pm: Inside the PGA.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 6.30-8.30pm: Stanley Cup: Final: Calgary Flames v Montreal Canadiens, fifth match.

MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am: Mobil news. Screensport 5.30-6.30pm: Indianapolis build-up day.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Eurosport 11pm-midnight: Highlights of Sydney City v New South Wales Country from Australia.

SURFING: Eurosport 11-11.30am: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.

TENNIS: Eurosport 6-7pm: Stella women's International.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

DOORSLAMMERS SPRING NATIONALS STREET RACING: The competition this weekend at Santa Pod is designed for road cars and is known as street racing. Though the powerful dragsters with their large rear wheels are not present, the racing is the same, with vehicles meeting normal requirements for driving on the road. The programme comprises racing for Capri, Escort, Volkswagen and American cars. Elimination races take place tomorrow and Sunday. The finals are on Monday.

In the "Run what you Bring" section, anybody with a driving licence can have a go for a fee. From a standing start, drivers or riders can experience crossing the quarter-mile line in the shortest time possible in whatever car or motorcycle they are showing. Traction compound or water on the track at the start allows the driver to warm his tyres creating the traditional smoke.

How to get there: Santa Pod Raceway, Poddington, Bedfordshire (Tel 0933-313250). From the north, take junction 15 on M1, A45 to Wellingborough and A509 to Wollaston; from the south, junction 14 on M1 and A509 to Bozeat. Follow signs to Poddington and course. The event starts at 10am each day. Admission is £12 for tomorrow and Sunday inclusive, and £8 for Monday. For those attending Sunday only, the price is still £12, but if a spectator leaves before 6pm, one-day's entrance will be refunded. Under-10s are free and 10-15 year-olds are half-price.

POWERBOATING

Holmes to christen catamaran

By Bryan Stiles

Neil Holmes, the reigning British and world 4-litre offshore champion, will launch his revolutionary boat, Fina, at Torbay this weekend.

The catamaran is a refined version of the craft that swept almost all before it in its class last season and Holmes is confident the new streamlined shape will prove even more successful this summer.

"It is lighter, faster and handles better in the rough than last year's boat," he said. "We had a great deal of success last year, competing in 14 races, winning 10 and coming second four times. The weather was against us on two of those occasions and on the other two we were up against a faster boat."

Designed by Holmes and Lorne Campbell, it was built by Midas Marine at Southampton, with its revolutionary aspect lying in the composition of the materials used in construction.

Instead of the conventional fibreglass or wood it has a hull made of expoxy, kevlar and resin, which makes it much lighter. It will also be "environmentally friendly", being the first boat to run on unleaded petrol.

Holmes will face stiff opposition at Torbay, which returns to the racing circuit this weekend after a two-year absence because of development work at Brixham.

The craft in which Holmes won last year's world championship is now named Mariner UK, and will be driven by Steve Bourne, who was British champion three times, while Ian Barrie, the 1982 world champion from Poole, has entered his Cougar catamaran, Paulina.

Howard Wretham, the 1984 champion from Virginia Water, should be among the leading finishers with his Gordon Wright catamaran, as should Jonathan Lucas, of Hayling Island.

The third British championship meeting of the Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association takes place at Penzance on Sunday. It includes the second in the three-heat Carter Commercial Development series.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes head for Arles following French farce

By Keith Macklin

Widnes players and officials found the latest French farce anything but funny as their much-postponed European championship challenge game against Le Pontet at Avignon became, overnight, a match against St Estève at Arles tomorrow afternoon.

Yesterday, Widnes were left confused by the chaos which developed when Le Pontet, the 1988 French champions, pulled out of the game in a fit of pique after the French Rugby League Federation, at an emergency meeting, punished the club for the stormy scenes which occurred during the French championship final against St Estève.

The Le Pontet player, Macalli, was suspended for six months and Palanque was stripped of the team captaincy.

During the match, the referee was jostled, punched and allegedly head-butted when he attempted to send off Palanque following one of many brawls. Palanque refused to leave the field and only the intervention of French federation officials enabled the game to continue.

The French federation also severely censured the Le Pontet club and players, at which the Le Pontet management pulled out of the European fixture against Widnes.

However, the French insisted that the fixture should be fulfilled, with St Estève, who won the French title by beating Le Pontet 23-4 in the Avignon brawl, providing the opposition.

John Stringer, the Widnes general manager, said: "We have had enough of Le Pontet's postponements and would have refused to play but for the fact that 1,000 Widnes supporters have paid for trips to France."

GLIDING

Davis regains lead after stage victory

Andy Davis, of Great Britain, who was lying second after the sixth day of racing in the standard class at the world gliding championships at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, moved provisionally into the lead overall by taking the seventh stage (a Special Correspondent writes). If the results are confirmed, he will lead Jacques Aboulin, of France, by two points.

The race was a cat's cradle, multiple-choice, turning-point task, for which longer time is taken to ratify results, and in a similar task for 15-metre gliders, for which confirmed results are also still awaited, Justin Wills, of Great Britain, was the unconfirmed winner.

RESULTS: Standard class: Seventh day (505km triangle): 1, A Davis (GB), 1,000pts; 2, B Obrist (Switz), 968; 3, C-O Otosson (Swe), 957; 4, R Brigliadori (It), 956; 5, L Felbermayr (Austria), 948. Leaders after seven days: 1, Davis, 6,055; 2, Aboulin, 6,053; 3, M Kuittinen (Fin), 5,898.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

COTTBUS: Javelin: S Wasdinte (EG), 91.12m.

BADMINTON

JAKARTA: World team championships: Group one (A): China bt Denmark, 5-0. Group one (B): South Korea bt England, 5-0 (Korean names first): Sung Han-kuk bt S Butler, 15-10, 15-10; Lee Young-suk bt H Troke, 11-8, 11-5; Park Joo-bong and Kim Moon-soo bt S Baddeley and M Dew, 15-5, 15-11; Hwang Hye-young and Chung Myung-hee bt G Clark and G Gowers, 15-9, 11-15, 15-7; Park Joo-bong and Chung Myung-hee bt A Goode and Gowers, 15-10, 15-5. Group two: Japan bt Soviet Union 5-0; Netherlands bt Malaysia 3-2.

HOCKEY

LILLESHALL: Representative match: Cannock 0, Canada 4.

TENNIS

FLORENCE: City of Florence men's tournament: First round: O Camporese (It) bt J-L Clerc (Arg), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Second round: L Mattar (Br) bt V Patchelmo (Fin), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt J Arias (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-2; L Duncan (US) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-4, 6-3.

GENEVA: Women's tournament: First round: C Cohen (Switz) bt L McNeil (US), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Meskhi (USSR), 7-5, 6-0. Second round: L Savchenko (USSR) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 7-5, 0-6, 6-2; L Lapi (It) bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 7-5, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-0, 6-3; B Paulus (Austria) bt C Evert (US), 6-4, 6-1; L Garrone (It) bt S Stafford (US), 6-0, 6-3; B Cordwell (NZ) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-2, 2-6, 7-6; E Burgin (US) bt C Cohen (Switz), 6-4, 7-5.

STRASBOURG: Women's tournament: Second round: W Probst (WG) bt H Provis (Aus), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; J-A Faull (Aus) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-4, 6-3; G Magers (US) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-4, 6-0; P Tarabini (Arg) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 6-2, 6-2.

BRADFORD: National ranking championships: Quarter-finals: Men: R Dadee bt S Barraclough, 6-1, 6-0; C Jarrom bt S Thomas, 6-3, 6-3; D Munro bt A Brotherton, 7-5, 6-1.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chigwell 194, *Forest 160-7; *Wrekin 118, Oswestry 110; St George's, Weybridge 238-6 dec (G Bennett 121), *Whitgift 177-8; *Rothin 79 (P Acheson 5-27), Rydal 81-5; RGS Wolverhampton 87, *Newcastle-under-Lyme 89-3; *Millfield 228-8 (J Fletcher 118), Exeter University 171-8; *Highgate 241, MCC 245-3 (G Ralphs 104 not out; *Trinity 249-2 dec (J Morley 152 not out), Emanuel 154-8; Forty Club 167, *Alleyn's 158-7; City of London 127-7 dec, *Bancroft's 131-2; Truro 188, *Plymouth 192-6 (A Maddock 93 not out).

* denotes home team

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Lancashire 298 for 3 (G Lloyd 111, G Yates 94 not out) v Derbyshire. Glastonbury: Worcestershire 280 for 9 dec (S R Lampitt 57, D A Leatherdale 52, R D Stemp 45; D Foster 4 for 33) v Somerset. Llandarcy: Glamorgan 280 (I Smith 120, G A Buchanan 64); Gloucestershire 30 for 2. Hastings: Kent 304 for 9 (V J Wells 102, D J Sabine 73; I Salisbury 4 for 79); Sussex 10 for no wkt. Caythorpe: Leicestershire 313 for 3 (R A Cobb 149, A Roseberry 70); Nottinghamshire 11-0. Harrow: Surrey 97 for 1 v Middlesex.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 6, Seattle Mariners 5; Detroit Tigers 2, Cleveland Indians 1 (10 inns); Minnesota Twins 10, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Oakland A's 6, Milwaukee Brewers 2; California Angels 11, New York Yankees 4; Baltimore Orioles 8, Chicago White Sox 0; Kansas City Royals 6, Texas Rangers 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati Reds 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; Chicago Cubs 3, Houston Astros 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Atlanta Braves 1 (14 inns); New York Mets 3, San Diego Padres 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Philadelphia Phillies 2; Montreal Expos 1, San Francisco Giants 0.

BASKETBALL

HAGEN, West Germany: Super Cup tournament: Group B: Yugoslavia 74, Italy 61. Group A: West Germany 114, United States 86; Greece 88, France 77.

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: East Asia qualifying group four: Malaysia 1, Singapore 0; Nepal 0, South Korea 9.

LIBERTADORES CUP: Final: First leg: Olimpia (Par) 2, Nacional (Col) 0.

EAST GERMAN LEAGUE: Karl-Marx Stadt 1, Lokomotive Leipzig 3; Dynamo Berlin 1, Energie Cottbus 1; Sachsenring Zwickau 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Brandenburg 3, Hansa Rostock 0; Dynamo Dresden 1, Chemie Halle 1; Magdeburg 2, Wismut Aue 2; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2, Union Berlin 0.

Late results from Wednesday

NAAFI JUBILEE CUP: Final: RAF Wyton 3, HMS Sultan 1.

SOVIET LEAGUE: Spartak Moscow 1, Dynamo Tbilisi 0; Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Dynamo Minsk 1; Ararat Yerevan 2, Shakhtar Donetsk 0; Torpedo Moscow 1, Zenit Leningrad 1; Pamir Dushanbe 0, Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk 1; Zalgiris Vilnius 1, Dynamo Kiev 0; Dynamo Moscow 1, Chernomorets Odessa 2.

YUGOSLAV LEAGUE: Rad 3, Osijek 1; Spartak 2, Partizan 0; Vardar 2, Buducnost 1; Celik 1, Sloboda 2; Radnicki 2, Vojvodina 1; Rijeka 0, Sarajevo 0 (Sarajevo won 3-2 on pens); Velez 2, Hajduk 2 (Velez won 5-4 on pens); Zeleznicar 1, Dinamo 0; Red Star 4, Napredak 0.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fifth stage (Cosenza to Potenza, 275km): 1, S Giuliani (It), 8hr 20min 49sec; 2, M Fondriest (It), 44sec behind; 3, P Anderson (Aus); 4, R Sorensen (Den); 5, A Da Silva (Por), all same time. Overall: 1, S Contini (It), 21hr 14min 16sec; 2, Da Silva, 11sec behind; 3, F Giupponi (It), 15sec.

GOLF

STOKE POGES: Pro-Am (GB unless stated): 67: B Barnes. 68: M Poxon, N Ratcliffe (Aus). 69: J Anderson (Can), D Llewellyn, A Garrido (Sp). Team: 124: N Ratcliffe. 125: M McLean. 126: H Baiocchi (SA). Amateur Prize: A Garbutt.

LONG ASHTON: William Lawson Scotch Whisky Cup: Regional final: 1, J Grassie (New Forest), 69; 2, P Pursey (Wareham), 70; 3, R Daniel (Holsworthy), 71.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Melbury.
2.30 Cannon's Way.
3.00 Pear Drop.
3.30 Young Jason.
4.00 Demawend.
4.30 Khaydara.
5.00 Katherines Emerald.
5.30 Pure Genius.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.00 Madam Tudor.
2.30 Mrs Wing Commander.
3.00 Jadeite.
3.30 Anadax.
4.00 Demawend.
4.30 Khaydara.
5.00 Key To The Music.
5.30 Pure Genius.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 Demawend.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.30 PURE GENIUS.

Going: good to firm (watering) Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best

2.0 EBF ST HELENS MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,092: 5f) (9 runners)

101 (4) CHATEAUBABY (Mrs J Jones) J Watts 8-11 Dean McKeown —
102 (1) KINLACEY (R Shaw) B McMahon 8-11 W Carson —
103 (2) 540 LADY HENRIETTA 11 (B) (Hodwell Group) D Thom 8-11 B Raymond —
104 (9) LINPAC LIGHT (Linpac Group Ltd) C Elsey 8-11 M Roberts —
105 (8) MADAM TUDOR (P Asquith) R Boss 8-11 Pat Eddery —
106 (5) MELBURY (Mrs D Weatherby) C Nelson 8-11 J Reid —
107 (7) NAUTY VICKI OYSTON (Demelis Ltd) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll —
108 (6) ONE A TIME (A Downing) J Glover 8-11 G Baxter —
109 (3) 662 STARCHY COVE 11 (C Wardle) R Hollinshead 8-11 R Lappin (5) —

BETTING: 5-2 Madam Tudor, 3-1 Melbury, 9-2 Chateaubaby, 6-1 Nauty Vicki Oyston, 8-1 Starchy Cove, 10-1 Linpac Light, 12-1 Lady Henrietta, 16-1 others.

1988: TATOUMA 8-11 Pat Eddery (8-15 fav) B Hills 7 ran

FORM STARCHY COVE ran on to finish 4l 2nd of 9 to Boozy at Wolverhampton (5f, good to firm) with LADY HENRIETTA last of 9. CHATEAUBABY cost $350,000, daughter of Nureyev.
LINPAC LIGHT is half-sister to her useful stable companion Linpac West. NAUTY VICKI OYSTON, by Music Boy, represents a yard doing well with its juveniles.
No Selection

2.30 STRETFORD CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,182: 6f) (12 runners)

201 (5) 443-344 CANNON'S WAY 15 (F,G,S) (T Cannon) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll ● 98
202 (4) 02- MRS WING COMMANDER 204 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-9 B Raymond 95
203 (7) 000- PEROSINI 203 (B) (F Lee) F Lee 8-6 S Perks 90
204 (3) 021000- KATALANTA 214 (D,S) (Mrs B Hills) B Hills 8-3 P Hegarty (7) 95
205 (6) 440-605 BELFORT GIPSY 10 (V) (Commonair Racing) S Norton 8-1 G Hind (5) 95
206 (9) 4600-00 MON BELL 20 (A Lyons) C Booth 8-1 95
207 (1) SONGBIRD MIRACLE (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Racing) M H Easterby 8-1 J Lowe —
208 (11) 460146- BRAVE MELODY 203 (G) (Mrs G Rees) J H Wilson 7-13 K Darley 94
209 (12) 0-0 RAVEN'S AFFAIR 18 (M Tate) M Tate 7-12 A Proud —
210 (10) 0000-00 RYAN'S GIRL 25 (D,G,S) (J Ryan) C Tinkler 7-12 P Burke (5) 95
211 (8) 405- BARAMUL 310 (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-10 A Munro (5) 72
212 (2) 606-0 FAR OASIS 28 (J Blackborow) B McMahon 7-7 N Carlisle —

BETTING: 5-4 Mrs Wing Commander, 7-2 Cannon's Way, 6-1 Katalanta, 8-1 Perosini, 10-1 Belfort Gipsy, 12-1 Songbird, 16-1 others.

1988: PATS ORACLE 9-0 J Carroll (6-1) J Berry 18 ran

FORM CANNON'S WAY, useful juvenile last season, ran well at Chester (7f, firm) when about 4l 4th of 11 to Etoli. MRS WING COMMANDER ran quite well at Hamilton (6f, soft) last November when ¾l 2nd of 12 to Able Mabel. KATALANTA showed best form when winning a Ripon auction event (5f, soft) last season.
BRAVE MELODY scored once from 10 starts last term when staying on to beat Red Indian 2½l at Catterick (5f, good).
Selection: CANNON'S WAY

3.0 ALTCAR APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,775: 1m 2f 130yd) (20 runners)

301 (13) 3-00 PEAR DROP 15 (Ridocks Stud Ltd) L Cumani 9-7 L Dettori 99
302 (3) 28020- MONSER 211 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 9-4 J Ryan (3) 94
303 (5) 4500- DIVA MADONNA 233 (C Rowles Nicholson) C Elsey 9-3 — 90
304 (10) 604000- TALL MEASURE 253 (Mrs J Jones) F Lee 9-3 — 88
305 (18) 4661-00 NORMHURST 27 (S) (Mrs Simpson) C Tinkler 9-1 P Burke 95
306 (19) 400-5 TIGER CLAW 22 (British Thoroughbred Plc) I Balding 9-1 M Marshall (3) 94
307 (8) 000-41 JADEITE 10 (D,F) (A Foustok) R Boss 9-0 (7ex) J Quinn 99
308 (6) 00-6210 RATHAGE 14 (S) (P Hubbard) R Guest 8-13 P Bostle (7) 91
309 (12) 00-0 RIESENER 38 (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 8-13 R Lappin (3) 96
310 (17) 66000-0 BIPHARY 44 (Mrs P Goulandris) P Calver 8-9 Kim McDonnell (7) 87
311 (6) 6-05 NATIVE SCOT 18 (T Hooper) F Lee 8-9 A Culhane 93
312 (7) 505-5 PILGRIM'S REVENGE 21 (R Trontz) S Norton 8-9 C Hodgson (7) 96
313 (14) 10-6 ENTERPRISE PRINCE 25 (F) (E Lunness) Ronald Thompson 8-7 — 86
314 (15) 60-5124 TONGADIN 11 (S) (Oaklea Bloodstock Ltd) M O'Neill 8-8 J Fortune (3) 91
315 (11) 60-6 BIT OF A LASS 18 (D Larke) D Arbuthnot 8-3 B Procter (7) 87
316 (15) 00-300 FAR DARA 18 (M Paver) N Bycroft 8-1 J Carr (3) 88
317 (2) 0600-00 I'VE GOTTA TELL YA 18 (R Aylward) J H Wilson 8-1 G Hind (3) 94
318 (20) 3010-00 GREAT GUSTO 10 (F) (T Jennings) D Thom 7-13 D Want (3) ● 99
319 (4) 0040-0 TASKALADY 24 (G Jones) M Brittain 7-12 S Maloney (7) 82
320 (1) 0500-0 FISTFUL OF BUCKS 25 (R Schimmel) E Eldin 7-11 C Pollard (7) —

BETTING: 11-4 Pear Drop, 7-2 Tiger Claw, 4-1 Jadeite, 8-1 Native Scot, 10-1 Monser, Pilgrim's Revenge, 12-1 Tongadin, 14-1 Rathage, 20-1 others.

1988: KRYPTON KNIGHT 9-7 A Shoults (10-1) R Hutchinson 13 ran

FORM PEAR DROP ran well on her only start as a juvenile, but has failed to show her form this season; latest at Sandown (1m 2f, firm) was soundly beaten 9th of 17 behind Alydaress. DIVA MADONNA faced a very stiff tasks last season when last of 5 beaten about 7l by Thorn Dance at York (7f, good to firm).
JADEITE picks up a 7lb penalty for his success at Nottingham (1m 2f, firm) when driven out to beat Rambo Castle 1½l with GREAT GUSTO a never nearer 8th. RATHAGE gained an all-out success at Leicester (1m 4f, soft); latest ran poorly at Beverley (1m 4f, firm).
TONGADIN, consistent performer, won at Ripon (1m, soft) last month; latest shaped as if a longer trip would suit at Hamilton (1m 40yd, firm) when staying on well to be 3½l 4th of 16 to Gushy.
Selection: TONGADIN

3.30 DARESBURY HANDICAP (£5,010: 1m 40yd) (11 runners)

401 (10) 260-464 COLWAY RALLY 8 (D,BF,F) (R Coleman) J Watts 5-9-10 T Ives 96
402 (3) 4504-04 BURKAN 17 (B,F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 4-9-1 Pat Eddery 96
403 (2) 41-0035 NORTHERN PRINTER 6 (F,G) (Oaklea Bloodstock) M O'Neill 4-8-11 J Fortune (5) 95
404 (1) 1050-00 HOORAY LADY 8 (D,F,G) (British Thoroughbred Plc) G Balding 5-8-11 J Williams 95
405 (4) 0-53600 JOVEWORTH 17 (D,F,G,S) (D Cooper) J Glover 5-8-8 G Baxter ● 99
406 (5) 025300- FAIRWAY ROYALE 209 (Mrs P Maldn) P Maldn 4-8-8 J Reid 91
407 (7) 050-011 YOUNG JASON 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 6-8-5 S Perks 93
408 (11) 21-004 ANADAX 15 (D,F) (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-8-3 M Roberts 97
409 (6) 030-042 SLEEPLINE FANTASY 22 (G,S) (Sleepline Ltd) R Holder 4-8-3 Dean McKeown 96
410 (9) 041225- CAUSLEY 217 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Clear) B McMahon 4-8-1 W Carson 91
411 (8) 0000-02 MISS SARAJANE 8 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 5-7-7 — 94

Long handicap: Miss Sarajane 7-2.

BETTING: 7-4 Young Jason, 100-30 Burkan, 9-2 Colway Rally, 6-1 Anadax, 8-1 Northern Printer, 12-1 Sleepline Fantasy, 16-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM BURKAN has not won since 1987; latest at Chester (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm) ran very well when under 3l 4th of 14 to Solo Artist with JOVEWORTH 11th and MISS SARAJANE 12th.
NORTHERN PRINTER has looked unlucky on his latest two starts. At Thirsk (7f, firm) was slowly away when making late headway to finish 3¾l 5th of 13 to Amenable; earlier finished fast to be just over 1l 3rd of 16 to Dancing Monarch at Thirsk (1m, firm) with COLWAY RALLY (2lb better off) about 1l away in 6th and JOVEWORTH 11th.
YOUNG JASON won at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm) and Carlisle (1m, firm); latest won in good style by 2½l from Heir Of Excitement.
SLEEPLINE FANTASY ran on to finish 2l 2nd of 19 to Mukhabbr at Salisbury (7f, good).
Selection: BURKAN

Course specialists

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent	TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
G Carter	10	55	18.2	H Cecil	28	63	44.4
W Carson	19	105	18.1	J Tree	4	14	28.6
W R Swinburn	9	53	17.0	P Calver	5	19	26.3
J Reid	14	83	16.9	B Hanbury	9	35	25.7
B Raymond	14	96	14.6	B Hills	20	86	23.3
Pat Eddery	9	65	13.8	L Cumani	7	32	21.9

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.0 NEWTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,442: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

501 (5) 00 ABOU MINJAL 10 (G Godfrey) G Lewis 9-0 J Scott (7) —
502 (4) 4 CROWN EYEGLASS 25 (Crown Eyeglass Plc) B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond 74
503 (3) 3-2 DEMAWEND 34 (BF) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 99
504 (6) 24 DIAMOND PATH 13 (Mrs R Skepper) R Boss 9-0 Pat Eddery ● 99
505 (2) 0 IBN ZAMAN 10 (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 M L Thomas —
506 (8) 00- MR DORMOUSE 246 (Mrs M Rae Smith) C Elsey 9-0 Dean McKeown —
507 (1) SHIRRAAR (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts —
508 (7) 5- SUPREME WARRIOR 206 (J Good) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks —

BETTING: 13-8 Demawend, 7-2 Diamond Path, 9-2 Crown Eyeglass, 8-1 Shirraar, 10-1 Ibn Zaman, 12-1 Abou Minjal, 20-1 others.

1988: TRIAD 9-0 S Cauthen (Evens fav) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM CROWN EYEGLASS showed promise on debut behind Icelander when 11½l 4th at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). DEMAWEND showed improved form on seasonal bow when a short-head runner-up to Zalazl at Ascot (1m 2f, good to soft). He is bred to stay and with his stable in such fine form looks hard to oppose.
DIAMOND PATH made a fair debut when ¾l 2nd to Murango at Leicester (1m 2f, soft) last term; latest was by no means disgraced when 12l 4th to Cacoethes at Lingfield (1m 4f, firm). Should be thereabouts today.
Selection: DEMAWEND (nap)

4.30 BE FRIENDLY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,991: 6f) (18 runners)

601 (11) 331 KHAYDARA 13 (D,F) (Aga Khan) L Cumani 9-9 L Dettori (5) 90
602 (3) 1405-06 RESOLUTE BAY 13 (D,F) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 9-1 S Perks 95
603 (2) 302-000 EZEPEEZE 9 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Livock) D Thom 8-13 B Raymond 83
604 (7) 1010-50 STOLON TIME 18 (D,S) (A Downing) J Glover 8-12 Dean McKeown 94
605 (15) 2621-6 WHAT A ROWLEY 13 (B,D,G) (Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 8-12 G Duffield 96
606 (8) 66-03 SEA VENTURE 14 (BF) (F Sanadi) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 92
607 (16) 2-026 PAMELA PEACH 16 (Crescent Ltd) J Tree 8-10 Pat Eddery ● 99
608 (9) 04-030 BLYTON LAD 6 (Mrs J Addleshaw) J Balding 8-9 S Horsfall 96
609 (18) 315646- SONKISTEAD 237 (D,F) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 8-8 J Lowe 93
610 (12) 600-014 BUDAPEST 11 (D,BF,F) (C Wright) B Hills 8-9 P Hegarty (7) 95
611 (5) 21-60 GRINSTON AGAIN 8 (D,G) (Gymcrak Racing) M H Easterby 8-9 K Darley 87
612 (13) 12-34 BOLLIN ZOLA 25 (G) (Sir Neil Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-5 M Birch 95
613 (14) 330-135 ADMIRALTY WAY 36 (V,G) (C Murphy) J Watts 8-5 A Mercer 97
614 (4) 55-5650 SANDMOOR COTTON 16 (F) (Sandmoor Textiles Ltd) D Chapman 8-0 J Carroll 96
615 (6) 40-0 ON MY MERIT 35 (Wm Martin Group Ltd) F Lee 7-11 W Carson 95
616 (17) 40226-0 ROYAL ESTIMATE 25 (B) (Thoroughbred Racing) M W Easterby 7-10 G Carter 96
617 (1) 0-03246 PREVAILING WIND 15 (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-7 A Munro (5) 98
618 (10) 800-600 BLAZING AWAY 15 (W Owen) L Barratt 7-7 A Proud —

Long handicap: Prevailing Wind 7-4, Blazing Away 6-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Khaydara, 7-2 Sea Venture, 4-1 Budapest, 6-1 Pamela Peach, 8-1 Bollin Zola, 10-1 Ezepeeze, 12-1 What A Rowley, 16-1 others.

1988: PROFILIC 8-12 K Darley (6-1) J H Wilson 17 ran

FORM KHAYDARA went into the lead at the distance pole and held on to score by a head from Sure Gold at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). May improve further.
RESOLUTE BAY ran creditably behind Didicoy at Newmarket (6f, good to firm) with WHAT A ROWLEY held. Has conditions underfoot in his favour here and will be difficult to keep out of the frame.
SEA VENTURE has not had the best of luck this term; disqualified from 3rd place when his rider failed to weigh in on his reappearance at Newmarket and disappointed badly when 7l 3rd to Touch Of White at Beverley (5f, good) last time. Should find the extra furlong suits and cannot be opposed.
PAMELA PEACH was not at her best at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm) when 4th behind Bay Bay; earlier has claims on Kempton (6f, soft) running behind Patsy Western on her penultimate start.
BUDAPEST landed the odds at Windsor (6f, good to firm) with a comfortable 4l; latest failed to land a gamble when 4th behind Martinosky on the same course a week later.
Selection: SEA VENTURE

5.0 STRETFORD CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,162: 6f) (11 runners)

1 (2) 213-010 ELDER PRINCE 15 (G,S) (W Pratt) M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 90
2 (6) 10-0010 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 11 (D,F) (Doublet Ltd) G Lewis 8-12 Pat Eddery 96
3 (10) 330-344 KEY TO THE MUSIC 14 (B) (W Said) C Morley 8-11 G Duffield 87
4 (1) 083-062 VAIGLY PERCEPTIVE 18 (A Shenston) B Stevens 8-3 D McKay 89
5 (7) 80008-6 CALAHONDA SONG 14 (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 8-1 L Charnock —
6 (9) 43330- SQUIRSKY 347 (S Squires) R Hollinshead 8-1 A Culhane (4) 78
7 (6) 00005-0 GEE SHARP 7 (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 7-13 N Adams 77
8 (8) 0-24018 TRACEY'S LADD 21 (G) (C Bliss) M Brittain 7-13 A Munro (5) 90
9 (4) 00 CLIFTON GIRL 25 (Mrs L Tong) K White 7-12 G King —
10 (3) 230-336 KATHERINES EMERALD 26 (G) (N Robinson) C Thornton 7-12 T Williams ● 99
11 (11) 240-8 LOADPLAN LASS 25 (Loadplan Ltd) C Booth 7-12 J Lowe 82

BETTING: 9-4 Letsbeonestaboutit, 11-4 Elder Prince, 9-2 Key to the Music, 6-1 Vaigly Perceptive, 10-1 Katherines Emerald, 12-1 Tracey's Ladd, 16-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM ELDER PRINCE won by a neck when beating Salut Tutti at Pontefract (5f, soft). Has shown little over 7f and may need an easy surface.
LESBEONESTABOUTIT won at Bath (5f 167yd, good to firm) where he beat Castle Cary 1½l. VAIGLY PERCEPTIVE, still a maiden, finished 4l runner-up to Budapest at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
TRACEY'S LADD landed a similar affair over the minimum trip at Beverley (good) with juvenile winner KATHERINE'S EMERALD (26lb better off) 4l 3rd. The latter should reverse placings at these weights.
Selection: KATHERINE'S EMERALD

5.30 SYDNEY SANDON STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,090: 1m 40yd) (3 runners)

1 (3) 112-0 PURE GENIUS 20 (F,G) (D Thompson) M Stoute 9-4 W R Swinburn ● 99
2 (2) 02-1 SCARRON 15 (D,F) (Sir Gordon White) H Cecil 9-4 S Cauthen 80
3 (1) 30- DOUBLE ENCORE 286 (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 9-0 J Reid 77

BETTING: 4-6 Pure Genius, 7-4 Scarron, 3-1 Double Encore.

1988: DEAD NET 9-0 Pat Eddery (7-4) C Brittain 3 ran

FORM PURE GENIUS looked a high class juvenile and was by no means disgraced when 8l 7th to Nashwan in the 2,000 Guineas (firm). Appears to relish a fast surface and will take all the beating here. SCARRON kept on well to score by 2½l from Seymore at Sandown (1m, firm). DOUBLE ENCORE made a promising debut when just over 1l 3rd to Prince Of Dance at Ascot (7f, good to soft) last term. Disappointed on his only subsequent outing.
Selection: PURE GENIUS

Moore fails to win injunction

Gary Moore's application for a permanent injunction to prevent the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club (RHKJC) carrying out disciplinary proceedings against him has been rejected in the High Court.

Judge Brian Jones ruled that, as Moore was effectually required to act as witness for a race-fixing trial case, he was therefore contractually bound for the case's retrial as well. He has 42 days to appeal.

Judge Jones ruled that Moore's failure to return as the key witness repudiated the confidential agreement he had with the local Independent Commission Against Corruption, who were in charge of the race-fixing prosecution, and therefore forfeited his absolute immunity with the RHKJC. Moore, the former French champion jockey now living in Paris, was originally granted immunity to appear as a witness at the trial in May 1988 of three former jockeys and two local businessmen in connection with alleged race-fixing.

The trial was subsequently halted, however, and the RHKJC said it regarded the immunity agreement as void when Moore informed the RHKJC that, for personal reasons, he had decided not to return for the re-trial.

The RHKJC then announced an inquiry into alleged racing malpractices by Moore, but the Australian-born jockey was successful in obtaining an interim injunction, stopping the RHKJC from pressing ahead with its inquiry.

PONTEFRACT

Selections

By Mandarin
6.45 Croft Imperial.
7.10 My Diamond Ring.
7.35 Roseate Lodge.
8.05 Beau Benz.
8.35 POLAR BOY (nap).
9.05 Green's Seascape.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.45 —
7.10 Mackenzies.
7.35 Mystery Band.
8.05 —
8.35 POLAR BOY (nap).
9.05 Green's Seascape.

Michael Seely's selection: 7.35 ROSEATE LODGE.

Going: good to firm (good last mile)
Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best

6.45 SYCAMORE STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,987: 5f) (5 runners)

1 (4) 21 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 42 (D,S) (Mrs C Massey) Denys Smith 9-6 T Ives 93
2 (1) 6521 TADEUS 16 (D,F) (J Good) R Hollinshead 9-6 S Perks 92
3 (5) 122 CROFT IMPERIAL 13 (B,D,S) (Mrs B Matthews) J Berry 9-3 J Carroll ● 99
4 (3) HALF A PINK JO (Feeny Holdings Ltd) M McCormack 8-11 — —
5 (2) 2423 SINK THE FLEET 18 (B) (Triangle Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Etherington 8-11 — 96

BETTING: 2-1 Champagne Gold, 9-4 Croft Imperial, 3-1 Tadeus, 6-1 Sink The Fleet, 14-1 Half A Pink Jo.

1988: SKY ROYALE 9-1 J Carroll (3-1) J Berry 6 ran

7.10 BEECH SELLING HANDICAP (3 & 4-Y-O: £1,968: 1m) (22 runners)

1 (5) 206-000 MAJORITY HOLDING 11 (B) (Wallace Farms Stud) K Ivory 4-10-0 M Wigham 94
2 (6) 4630-00 CAPITAL BUILDER 14 (M Johnson) G Moore 3-9-1 Dean McKeown 93
3 (1) 500-400 BIDDERS LAD 4 (V) (G Farndon Co Ltd) R Whitaker 4-9-0 K Bradshaw —
4 (3) 02540-0 LADY KATHY 27 (B) (B Newton) J Harris 4-8-11 M Birch 92
5 (2) 6644-00 TWO REALMS 9 (Mrs E Jackman) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-11 T Ives 95
6 (12) 5036-30 ROUGE ROI 11 (B) (R Ashford) P Evans 4-8-10 P Barnard (5) 96
7 (16) 4010-04 LUCKY GROVE 18 (D,F) (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 4-8-6 S Webster 92
8 (14) 0594-00 MACKENZIES 32 (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-5 J Ryan (5) 97
9 (13) 60450- SECRET CONTRACT 213 (D Playforth) Mrs G Reveley 4-8-5 J Carr (5) 96
10 (17) 10000-0 PRIDE OF KIRBY 11 (D,F) (P Bradley) G Blum 4-8-4 Dale Gibson (5) 96
11 (15) 61000-5 WEFFIE 13 (D,F) (Miss P Sylvester) R O'Leary 3-8-4 J Quinn (3) 88
12 (4) 00-0045 MY DIAMOND RING 11 (Mrs M Wickham) M Usher 4-8-3 R Fox ● 99
13 (11) 6040-0 IVY ROSS 44 (M Brittain) M Brittain 3-8-3 A Munro (5) —
14 (10) 05-00 MY CONCORDIA 10 (M Moloney) D O'Donnell 3-8-3 K Fallon 97
15 (8) 06-640 MANSICK 15 (M McCormack) M McCormack 3-8-2 Paul Eddery 96
16 (7) 0000/04- SPEEDY SNAPS LAD 16J (B) (Benningtons Furniture) K Bridgwater 4-8-2 P D'Arcy 91
17 (21) 030-000 SPECIAL RESERVE 4 (B,D,F,S) (D White) P Felden 4-8-2 G Duffield 96
18 (22) 66000-5 VANTIFANTAY 13 (N Jackson) N Tinkler 3-8-2 Kim Tinkler —
19 (18) 000-066 CRETAN BOY 37 (N King) C Tinkler 4-8-2 N Carlisle 94
20 (19) 000/500- DECANNA 27J (A Davenport) G Moore 4-7-11 N Kennedy (7) —
21 (20) 00-00 JESTMENOT 7 (P Tierney) J Wainwright 3-7-10 L Charnock —
22 (9) 40000-0 CHIC-ANITA 32 (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 4-7-9 D Want (7) —

BETTING: 11-2 My Diamond Ring, 6-1 Rouge Roi, 8-1 Cretan Boy, Mansick, 10-1 Secret Contract, Mackenzies, 12-1 My Concordia, 14-1 Two Realms, Capital Builder, 16-1 Ivy Ross, Decanna, 20-1 others.

1988: CROWN JUSTICE 4-9-8 S Cauthen (11-4) N Callaghan 12 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	13	24	54.2	J Carroll	10	38	26.3
W Jarvis	3	12	25.0	W Ryan	11	52	21.2
W Holden	3	12	25.0	W R Swinburn	5	25	20.0
G Wragg	5	22	22.7	Paul Eddery	7	38	18.4
J Berry	9	40	22.5	B Raymond	7	43	16.3
W Hastings-Bass	5	24	20.8	J Reid	4	27	14.8

7.35 G A FARNDON RACING LTD HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,392: 1m) (16 runners)

1 (4) 4610- JUNUH 241 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7 R Hills 84
2 (12) 614-6 HOUSEWORK 42 (D,F) (The Queen) I Balding 9-4 J Matthias 81
3 (10) 13040- SOLA MIA 252 (F) (Mrs P Barratt) W Pearce 9-2 D Nicholls 88
4 (5) 40-543 ARRAN VIEW 14 (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 9-0 S Perks 85
5 (6) 25-3 BOLD REPUBLIC 18 (G Martin) T Barron 8-12 Dean McKeown 97
6 (15) 34-0002 LOGAMIMO 24 (CD,BF,F) (P Savill) N Tinkler 8-9 K Darley 93
7 (1) 003-30 MYSTERY BAND 36 (Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 8-8 W R Swinburn 93
8 (7) 6456-30 FOURSHOON 34 (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 8-7 A Proud 85
9 (3) 1306-40 TAYLOR'S REALM 13 (D,F) (Taylors of Soham Ltd) H Collingridge 8-7 M Rimmer 89
10 (8) 4560-01 CHORAL SUNDOWN 13 (D,G) (D Ford) C Elsey 8-6 M Roberts 93
11 (2) 003-6 SEULMA 16 (O Zawawi) M Francis 8-5 W Newnes 92
12 (9) 660-40 NIPOTINA 9 (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 8-2 G Hind (5) 87
13 (14) 20566-0 WHISPER THE WIND 13 (Lord Townshend) John FitzGerald 8-1 R Fox 92
14 (11) 012 ROSEATE LODGE 10 (D,BF,G) (Mrs G Weston) J Watts 8-1 W Carson ● 99
15 (13) 60-500 TRAVELLING LIGHT 20 (Mrs A Sigsworth) Mrs J Ramsden 7-7 M Fry 80
16 (16) 5000- BACHELOR'S PET 255 (B) (P Durkan) M McCormack 7-7 — —

Long handicap: Bachelor's Pet 7-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Choral Sundown, 9-2 Roseate Lodge, 6-1 Bold Republic, 15-2 Housework, 9-1 Mystery Band, Longamimo, 10-1 Seulma, 12-1 Junuh, Fourshoon, 14-1 others.

1988: BANK VIEW 9-4 G Duffield (6-1) N Tinkler 11 ran

8.5 ST JOHN AMBULANCE HANDICAP (£2,320: 1m 4f) (18 runners)

1 (8) 01065-6 MARK AIZLEWOOD 7 (F,G) (D Gill) R Whitaker 4-10-0 W R Swinburn 90
2 (6) 080-150 BEAU NASH 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Coleman) A Stringer 5-9-10 M Hindley 97
3 (8) 6413/03 BEN LEDI 14 (F,G) (Jonjo Thoroughbred Plc) J J O'Neill 5-9-7 A Dobie (7) 91
4 (17) 1000-06 SUNSET REINS FREE 25 (V,G,S) (Mrs S Russell) E Alston 4-9-6 J Carr (5) 94
5 (10) 03222-0 REGAL REFORM 25 (R Wheeler) G Moore 6-9-5 Dean McKeown 93
6 (9) 23-0001 BEAU BENZ 13 (F,G) (Gymcrak Thoroughbred Plc) M H Easterby 5-9-4 M Birch 97
7 (4) 300-036 POWYS PRINCE 24 (V Atherton) J Glover 6-8-13 S Williams (7) 97
8 (1) 100000- RUDDA CASS 217 (C,F) (J Stacher) W Haigh 5-8-8 N Day 87
9 (11) 0050/00 GLORIOLE 11 (D Fairbairn) R Allan 5-8-6 B Webster —
10 (2) 6/640-00 QUIP 24 (V) (R Summers) M Naughton 4-8-4 K Fallon 98
11 (16) 450- LEDSHAM 337 (B Norden) M Camacho 4-8-3 J Lowe ● 99
12 (12) 232500/ AUGUST 25J (G) (R Coleman) Denys Smith 8-8-1 P Dalton (7) —
13 (13) 4443/50 KING OF THE SEA 30 (V) (D Adams) Mrs S Oliver 6-8-0 R Fox —
14 (7) 0600 BRIGHT HOUR 21 (W Chapman) D Chapman 4-7-12 S Wood (5) 95
15 (15) 5/040-00 DUAL CAPACITY 39 (A Field) W Musson 5-7-12 W Carson 90
16 (5) 05060-1 AMAZING SILKS 14 (D,F) (Mrs J Robson) A Robson 4-7-9 T Williams 96
17 (18) 00/140- AUSTHORPE SUNSET 25J (C,G) (A Walker) Mrs R Wharton 5-7-8 — 95
18 (14) 0/000/0- VA LUTE 410 (Castle Farm Stud) W Holden 5-7-7 M Fry —

BETTING: 9-2 Beau Benz, 5-1 Ben Ledi, 11-2 Amazing Silks, 7-1 Sunset Reins Free, 9-1 Ledsham, 10-1 Regal Reform, Austhorpe Sunset, 14-1 Powys Prince, Beau Nash, 16-1 others.

1988: TENDER TYPE 5-8-10 Dean McKeown (5-2 fav) R Whitaker 11 ran

8.35 WALNUT EBF STAKES (£2,637: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (3) 31412-0 COWLEY 37 (CD,F) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 4-9-8 Paul Eddery 93
2 (4) 0020-03 EYE IN THE SKY 4 (F) (F Ward) C Tinkler 4-9-0 M Birch 85
3 (1) 0/5321-0 NOT SO SHY 25 (D,G) (K Dancer) Miss L Siddall 4-9-0 J Reid 91
4 (5) 0 CASTLE MOAT 18 (BF) (Duchess Norfolk) Lady Herries 4-8-13 L Charnock —
5 (7) 00 CHOTOMSHO 14 (A Fawcett) M W Easterby 5-8-13 D Nicholls —
6 (10) 0/ PETAVIOUS 592 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 4-8-13 T Ives —
7 (8) YORKSHIRE HOLLY 80J (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-13 J Carr (5) —
8 (9) 41 PARLIAMENT PIECE 9 (F) (G A Farndon Co Ltd) R Whitaker 3-8-12 W Carson 88
9 (2) 0- BLUEBIRD LADY 365 (P Milner) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-10 A Proud —
10 (6) 6-1 POLAR BOY 18 (C,F) (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 3-8-3 W Ryan ● 99

BETTING: 8-11 Polar Boy, 4-1 Parliament Piece, 11-2 Cowley, 12-1 Castle Moat, 14-1 Not So Shy, 16-1 others.

1988: COWLEY 3-8-3 G Carter (4-1) G Wragg 7 ran

9.5 CEDAR MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,716: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (1) 660-043 SINGING STAR 18 (Sarby Racing Ltd) J Balding 9-0 N Day 73
2 (2) 40 SQUARE DATA DYNAMO 51 (M Murnaghan) M Brittain 9-0 M Wigham 78
3 (6) 220- AQUATIC 287 (D Wilson) R Williams 8-11 T Ives 73
4 (7) 44-6 EMERALD BOW 20 (R Prettie) B Hanbury 8-11 B Raymond 81
5 (3) 36450-2 GREEN'S SEASCAPE 11 (B) (R Green) W Jarvis 8-11 W Carson ● 99
6 (8) 2- MAJESTIC IMAGE 295 (G Strawbridge) W Hastings-Bass 8-11 Dale Gibson (5) 86
7 (9) 40-0 MRS MILLS 14 (Havenwood Con's Ltd) P Felgate 8-11 W Ryan 77
8 (4) 220 PRINGIPOULA 25 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11 W R Swinburn 83
9 (5) 0245-06 SNOW HARBOR 3 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-11 J Matthias 80

BETTING: 7-4 Green's Seascape, 3-1 Snow Harbour, 5-1 Pringipoula, 7-1 Majestic Image, 10-1 Aquatic, 14-1 others.

1988: PERSISTENT BELL 8-6 K Fallon (16-1) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8 ran

Stoute taken to extend recent run of success with Haydock double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Those who have not made up their mind already about the likely outcome of this year's Derby will have another opportunity to appraise the form of some of the leading contenders after the Newton Maiden Stakes and the Sydney Sandon Stakes have been run at Haydock today.

For the field for the former race includes Demawend and Diamond Path who have already contested the White Rose Stakes at Ascot and the Lingfield Derby trial respectively. And having done so, their names are entwined with the form of some of the best.

At Ascot, Demawend made Zalazl pull out all the stops, albeit when receiving 12lb from him. Next time out Zalazl finished third behind Torjoun and Observation Post in the William Hill Dante Stakes at York, beaten 4½ lengths.

That looks marginally better form than Diamond Path's remote fourth at Lingfield, where he finished about 12 lengths behind the Derby second favourite, Cacoethes. Demawend is therefore taken to extend the fine recent run of Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn.

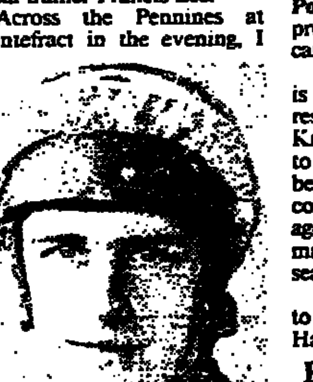
At the end of the enlarged programme on the Lancashire track, stable companion Pure Genius (5.30) can give the form of the 2,000 Guineas a further boost by beating Double Encore and Scarron.

Well that Sea Venture, the third member of the Stoute raiding party at Haydock today, should go in the Be Friendly Handicap over six furlongs, I much prefer the top weight **Khaydara**, even with 9st 9lb on her back.

For after running well in her first two races over seven furlongs, she then showed the wisdom in dropping back to today's shorter distance when scoring next time out at Newmarket in quite decent company.

Fresh from winning at Chester and Carlisle in the space of three days, a revitalized **Young Jason** may well be capable of making it three victories in a row by capturing the Daresbury Handicap for local trainer Francis Lee.

Across the Pennines at Pontefract in the evening, I very much like the look of **Roseate Lodge** in the G H Farndon Racing Handicap with only 8st 1lb and Willie Carson to carry.



Willie Ryan: rides Mandarin's nap, Polar Boy

For at York 10 days ago, the Bill Watts-trained three-year-old was only caught on the line by Jalmusique and that at the end of nine furlongs. Being by Habitat, Roseate Lodge could easily be better suited to today's slightly shorter trip.

Later in the programme Carson will also be on Parliament Peace in the Walnut EBF Stakes, as he was at York last week when Richard Whitaker's colt ran out a comfortable winner of the Wilkinson Memorial Stakes. However, I cannot ignore the fact that when he was fourth to **Polar Boy** on today's course previously, they were both carrying the same weight.

Now that Parliament Peace is penalized to the hilt as a result of that win on Knavesmire, he has to give 9lb to Polar Boy, who is napped to beat Cowley, the winner of the corresponding race 12 months ago but disappointing at Newmarket first time out this season.

Finally, **Beau Benz** is taken to win the St John Ambulance Handicap

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK: 2.0 Lady Henrietta. 2.30 Perosini. 4.30 Eazepeeze. 5.0 Key To The Music. PONTEFRACT: 6.45 Croft Imperial. Sink The Fleet. 7.10 Bidders Lad, Special Reserve. 9.5 Greens Seascapes.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Cayman Queen. 2.45 Snitterfield. 3.15 Pondered Bid. 3.45 Pusharda. 4.15 Eternal Credit. 4.45 Chic Carolyn.
Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Queensland Drover.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Spartan Lemon.

Going: firm

2.15 SHOLEBROOK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,044: 2m 5f 26yd) (8 runners)

1 P448 CAROGROVE 7 J Bukovets 6-11-10 J Bryan
2 PF6 KILBARRY LAD 10 P Butler 4-11-8 Mr A Walsh (7)
3 0000 MR WHAT'S-HIS-NAME 20 (F) G Enright 6-11-8 M Perrett
4 4122 CAYMAN QUEEN 15 (BF,F,S) M Tompkins 4-11-5 S Smith Eccles
5 2014 KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 10 (F,G) A Moore 5-11-3 G Moore
6 P31P SILVER ANCONA 9 (F) N Thomson 5-11-2 S Plowridge (7)
7 4P00 UPHAM QUEEN 35 H O'Neill 6-11-1 H Davies
8 PPR0 CLEAR GIN 10 A Taylor 5-11-1 Mr A Taylor

6-4 Cayman Queen, 9-4 Kingswood Resopal, 6-1 Carogrove, 8-1 Mr What's-His-Name, Silver Ancona, 20-1 others.

2.45 FERMOR HANDICAP CHASE (£1,952: 2m 50yd) (6)

1 4434 PENDOR LAWN 10 (F,G) P O'Connor 12-12-0 P Scudamore
2 4481 THAR-AN-BHARR 11 (D,F,S) J Costello 7-11-11 (7ex) Mr T Costello
3 12P5 KASHILL 21 (D,F,G,S) Mrs J Retter 11-11-2 B Powell
4 2131 SNITTERFIELD 10 (CD,F,S) M Madgwick 11-11-0 (7ex) G Charles-Jones
5 FF5F PUNTERS LAD 13 (G) P Howling 9-10-0 M Furlong
6 6042 INDIAN 10 (V,D,S) O Brennan 9-10-0 —

2-1 Thar-An-Bharr, 3-1 Indian, 4-1 Snitterfield, 6-1 Pendor Lawn, 7-1 Kashill, 8-1 Pendor Lawn, 12-1 Punter's Lad.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 9 winners from 34 runners, 26.5%; T Casey, 14 from 89, 15.7%; O Brennan, 4 from 26, 15.4%; Mrs I McKie, 3 from 22, 13.6%; N Gaselee, 5 from 42, 11.9%; D Gandolfo, 6 from 57, 10.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 16 winners from 68 rides, 23.5%; R Goldstein, 3 from 23, 13.0%; M Bowlby, 4 from 31, 12.9%; R Dunwoody, 16 from 125, 12.8%; L Harvey, 7 from 59, 11.9%; S Smith Eccles, 6 from 55, 10.9%.

3.15 SWAN NATIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m) (9)

1 1243 QUAI D'ORSAY 15 (D,S) F O'Mahony 4-11-10 —
2 -500 RAMILIE 25 (S) T Emmington 7-11-9 —
3 6401 PONDERED BID 25 (B,CD,S) I Wardle 5-10-13 S Smith Eccles
4 0001 MURHAF 10 (CD,F) J Joseph 6-10-12 (7ex) R Goldstein
5 PPFR STEPAULI 10 (V,F) J Davies 7-10-11 M Furlong
6 -450 SLANEY PRINCE 8 (D,G,S) P Connors 9-10-5 A S Smith (5)
7 00P0 SHOUT 11 (D,F,G) Mrs L Clay 9-10-4 M Richards
8 00P- SWIFT ENCOUNTER 361 (D,F,S) N Thomson 10-10-1 S Plowridge (7)
9 P-PB NORHAM CASTLE 8 R Ledger 6-10-1 Mrs N Ledger

9-4 Pondered Bid, 11-4 Quai D'Orsay, 3-1 Murhaf, 6-1 Ramilie, 8-1 Slaney Prince, 14-1 others.

3.45 TIMES CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CHASE (Final: amateurs: £1,827: 3m 190yd) (6)

Runners and riders – see facing page

4.15 SWAN NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE £1,935: 3m 190yd) (6)

1 2562 KELLY'S BOY 9 (F,G,S) N Gaselee 9-11-10 A Adams (4)
2 21-3 JUST A GHOST 15 (CD,F) Mrs J French 13-11-7 Miss S French
3 -335 ETERNAL CREDIT 9 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 7-11-7 P Scudamore
4 0321 BOLD IN COMBAT 10 (B,C,F,G) T Casey 6-11-7 (7ex) R Dunwoody
5 4P65 LORD LAURENCE 16 (D,F,S) D Gandolfo 10-11-5 S Smith Eccles
6 F665 SEA CHALLENGER 15 R Ledger 8-10-1 Mrs N Ledger

2-1 Bold in Combat, 5-2 Eternal Credit, 4-1 Kelly's Boy, 7-1 Just A Ghost, 8-1 Lord Laurence, 16-1 Sea Challenger.

4.45 PATTISHALL NOVICES HURDLE (£1,088: 2m) (16)

1 3200 FORT WAPPING 29 (B,S) A Moore 5-11-5 G Moore
2 P1 JABARABA 10 (CD,F) J Bennett 8-11-5 M Bowlby
3 31F6 NORE HILL 7 (B,D,F) R Bromerton 4-11-0 Mr G Hanmer
4 6531 SIEGERIN 15 (D,F) M Francis 5-11-0 M Richards
5 PP43 FATHER PADDY 10 J Webber 7-10-12 G McCourt
6 LIE IN WAIT 256F P Connors 6-10-12 —
7 2334 MAJESTIC RING 17 (B) P Kelleway 7-10-12 I Lawrence (4)
8 4805 PHELIOFF 10 A Turnell 5-10-12 H Davies
9 8 PRINCE ZAMARO 10 M Madgwick 5-10-12 G Charles-Jones
10 0-50 SLIPPERY MAX 38 D Nicholson 5-10-12 R Dunwoody
11 830P SNOWY RUN 65 (B) P O'Connor 8-10-12 —
12 41 CHIC CAROLYN 8 (B,D,F) M Pipe 4-10-9 P Scudamore
13 R0P0 BECKER'S DELIGHT 8 H Jackson 5-10-7 Gee Armytage
14 000 EASTER SONG 17 (B) D Henley 5-10-7 D Hyde
15 -03U MOLINELLO 16 Mrs I McKie 7-10-7 L Harvey
16 P DJLAH 118 F Gray 4-10-2 M Crosse

6-4 Chic Carolyn, 9-2 Majestic Ring, 6-1 Father Paddy, 8-1 Jabaraba, Slippery Max, 10-1 Siegerin, 14-1 others.

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Yorkbay. 2.45 Chipchase. 3.15 Tumble Jim. 3.45 Fell Mist. 4.15 Cheerie Chief. 4.45 Mirage Dancer.
Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Lord Purna.

Going: hard

2.15 TOP OF THE NORTH SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,156: 2m) (7 runners)

1 30-2 YORKBAY 7 N Tinkler 5-11-10 G McCourt
2 50F3 PRIMROSE STAR 20 W A Stephenson 4-11-3 C Grant
3 00/0 TANYA'S PRINCESS 83 J Johnson 6-11-1 A G Smith (7)
4 0/P- PRICE OF OAK 828 F Taylor 6-11-1 —
5 00P FIRTHLANDS 28 Mrs V Aconley 7-11-1 D Byrne
6 0P50 QUEENS PALACE 18 (CD,G) J Bradley 11-11-1 G Dawes
7 8040 LOVELY LIZZIE 18 I Jordon 6-11-1 B Storey

5-4 Yorkbay, 9-4 Primrose Star, 5-1 Lovely Lizzie, 14-1 Tanya's Princess, 20-1 Price Of Oak, 25-1 others.

2.45 GREENALLS BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,548: 2m 4f) (7)

1 5352 CHIPCHASE 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 9-11-10 M Hammond
2 1208 SWORD BEACH 13 (CD,F) M H Easterby 5-10-12 L Wyer
3 2-00 THE REEDCUTTER 10 (B) F Gibson 8-10-11 Dale McKeown
4 0204 DOUGHTY REBEL 22 (CD,F,G,S) J J O'Neill 8-10-6 R Supple (4)
5 0204 THE HOUGH 6 Mrs G Reveley 8-10-4 P Niven
6 6360 HOWS TONY 28 (CD,F) B Bousfield 8-10-2 C Grant
7 5-34 WIMSEY 6 (CD,F,G,S) Miss K Thompson 12-10-0 B Storey

9-4 Sword Beach, 11-4 Chipchase, 4-1 The Hough, 11-2 Doughty Rebel, 9-1 Hows Tony, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs V Aconley, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; J J O'Neill, 7 from 34, 20.6%, G Moore, 14 from 76, 18.4%; M H Easterby, 13 from 72, 18.1%, B Wilkinson, 6 from 34, 17.6%; Denys Smith, 36 from 215, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 4 winners from 10 rides, 40.0%; D Byrne, 7 from 22, 31.8%, M Hammond, 15 from 76, 19.7%; L Wyer, 11 from 59, 18.6%; C Grant, 43 from 233, 18.5%; P Niven, 21 from 152, 13.8%.

3.15 GEORGE CARPENTER MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,882: 2m 4f) (4)

1 P41F KARNATAK 8 (D,F) K Bridgwater 8-11-10 C Llewellyn
2 3661 TUMBLE JIM 9 (D,F,G) T Cunningham 10-10-7 (8ex) S Cunningham (7)
3 P0P0 STONEHENGE 10 (F) D Wilson 12-10-3 T Wall
4 3P65 LEISURETIME SMILE 11 (G) N Bradley 8-10-0 S Turner

4-6 Tumble Jim, 7-4 Karnatak, 12-1 Leisuretime Smile, 16-1 Stonehenge.

3.45 SUNDERLAND ECHO NOVICES CHASE (£1,202: 2m 4f) (4)

1 P034 FELL MIST 20 D MacDonald 8-11-0 —
2 FU50 HECKLEY CRAG 36 P Blockley 9-11-0 P Niven
3 42F6 IN A NUTSHELL 17 (F,G) J Young 8-11-0 Mr P Harding-Jones (4)
4 0P00 SIR DUBEL 11 (F) J Harris 8-11-0 Mr A Watson (7)

4-5 In A Nutshell, 9-4 Fell Mist, 4-1 Heckley Crag, 16-1 Sir Dubel.

4.15 GUY CUNARD NORTHERN POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIP (Amatuers: £1,548: 3m 2f 160yd) (7)

1 -342 CHEERIE CHIEF 23 (G,S) H Barclay 13-13-0 G Robinson (7)
2 0P-3 LEANDER BLUE 9 (G,S) J Purves 12-13-0 R Shiels (7)
3 F/0- DEMI CHEVAL 364 R May 11-12-7 D Kinsella (7)
4 PS/3 LOMBARDY STAR 23 D Brown 12-12-7 A Rebori (7)
5 4F0- LORD PURNA 454 A Johnson 7-12-7 N F Smith (7)
6 NOT QUITE A LADY C Holden 10-12-2 Mrs L Ward (7)
7 0/4- SISTER SAM 364 R Barr 9-12-2 T D Smith (7)

11-4 Cheerie Chief, 100-30 Leander Blue, 4-1 Lombardy Star, 9-2 Sister Sam, 8-1 Lord Purna, 14-1 others.

4.45 ELWICK NOVICES HURDLE (£1,058: 2m) (9)

1 4418 MUTARID 28 (CD,F) G Moore 4-11-10 M Hammond
2 2PPP ESSBEEDEE 11 (B) J Harris 5-11-5 S Turner
3 4500 GLENCOE BOY 15 (B) J O'Shea 6-11-5 L Wyer
4 0- HEAVENLY HOOFER 4F Denys Smith 8-11-5 D Crossman (7)
5 0420 MIRAGE DANCER 25 Miss C Caroe 6-11-5 Dale McKeown
6 FF01 THE BRICHIN 9 (D,F) L Corbett 8-11-5 N Mann (7)
7 BURTREE BOY J Johnson 4-11-0 A G Smith (7)
8 1500 NOVAC 28 (B,CD,S) W A Stephenson 4-11-0 A Stanford (7)
9 ALCHEMISTRESS 13F Denys Smith 4-10-9 C Grant

3-1 The Brichin, 7-2 Novac, 4-1 Mirage Dancer, 9-2 Mutarid, 8-1 Heavenly Hoofer, 10-1 Glencoe Boy, 20-1 others.

Distillers to sponsor Goodwood races

James Burrough Distillers has stepped in to replace Irish glassware firm Waterford Crystal as sponsors of two group races at Goodwood in August.

In a four-year deal worth £250,000, the company will back the Beefeater Gin Celebration Mile, a £60,000 group two race, formerly known as the Waterford Crystal Mile.

The company has also poured £30,000 into the Black Bottle Scotch Whisky Prestige Stakes, the group three event for juvenile fillies, formerly the Waterford Candelabra Stakes.

At the same two-day meeting, this year to be staged on August 25-26, the firm will also back the Laphroaig March Stakes, a recognized St Leger trial.

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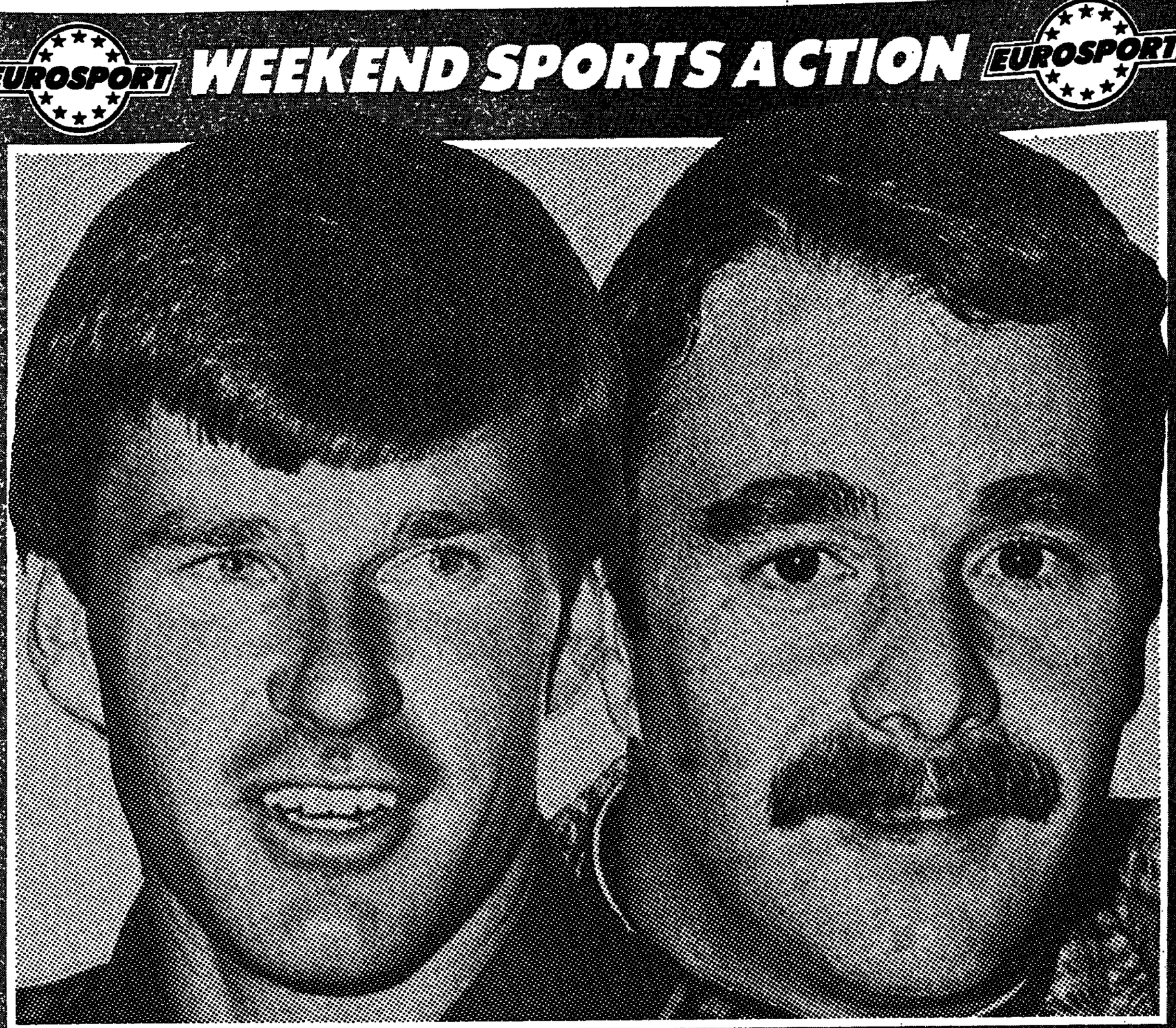

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CRICKET: WORCESTERSHIRE STAGE RECOVERY ON A HARD PITCH WHILE DAZZLING STROKE PLAY HAS DERBYSHIRE REELING AT HEADINGLEY

Welcome arrival of spin breaks the traditional pattern

By John Woodcock

Worcester: Nottinghamshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 93 runs behind Worcestershire

For the first time in a first-class match this season, spin was seen at Worcester. Hemmings and Illingworth bowled 48 overs between them as Nottinghamshire made 116 for three in reply to Worcestershire's first innings total of 209.

That the pattern was not the usual one of seam, swing and the pain-killing spray, was due partly to the absence of Stephenson, of Nottinghamshire, and Dilley, of Worcestershire. Also the ball turned, albeit slowly, off a hard, fairly grassless pitch.

Whether it is doing enough, for any type of bowler, for there to be a result, I rather doubt. It is not a good pitch, but it is not that nastier one, and the loss of 82 overs on Wednesday has put the match well behind the clock. Yesterday, too, the catching was not all it should have been.

After starting at 75 for two, Worcestershire were soon 94 for five. Their final total, therefore, represented something of a recovery, protracted though it was. Having taken a wicket in the day's second and fourth overs, both with the help of close catches, Hemmings had to wait another 20 overs for his next. He finished with four for 60, having bowled unchanged for three hours 50 minutes, a spell of almost unimaginable proportions for a spinner at the Worcester of today.

Hemmings' two early victims were Curtis and Neale, neither of whom scored yesterday. Nottinghamshire were then helped up by D'Oliveira and Newport, who added 54, and after that by Radford. It may not sound much to have made 43 in 3¼ hours as D'Oliveira did, but I thought he played bravely and well.

The more assertive innings was Radford's, who also looked the part: it took a stinging catch by Robinson at short mid-on to get rid of him.

In the half hour for which Nottinghamshire batted before tea Broad played as though he was back in Australia, bombarding mid-on and mid-off and hitting five cracking boundaries. Yet in his last 56 innings for Nottinghamshire his best score has been 80. Not since their last match in 1986 has he scored a hundred for them.

Over the same period he has made 600 for England, and he would no doubt fancy his chance of getting some more, especially against Australia, if he could regain his place in the Test side. This has to be an indictment of our county pitches, not least, of course, those at Trent Bridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T S Curtis c Newell b Hemmings 50
P Bent c Newell b Cooper 9
G A Hick c Cooper b Evans 9
D B D'Oliveira c Newell b Cooper 43
*P A Neale c Johnson b Hemmings 0
M J Weston b Cooper 9
P J Newport c Scott b Cooper 27
N V Radford c Robinson b Hemmings 39
R K Illingworth c Johnson b Hemmings 1
†S R Baviss not out 6
A P Pridgeon b Pick 2
Extras (lb 4, nb 2) 14
Total (98.2 overs) 209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-55, 3-77, 4-77, 5-84, 6-148, 7-176, 8-177, 9-.

BOWLING: Pick 17.2-5-30-1; Cairns 7-1-37-1; Cooper 28-9-53-3; Evans 10-6-18-1; Hemmings 34-14-60-4.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings
B C Broad b Illingworth 26
M Newell c Baviss b Newport 6
P Johnson c Hick b Illingworth 16
*R T Robinson not out 39
D W Randall not out 20
Extras (b 3, lb 2) 5
Total (3 wkts, 46 overs) 116

†C W Scott, C L Cairns, K P Evans, E E Hemmings, R A Pick and K E Cooper to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-43, 3-84.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: K J Lyons and B Hassan.

Looking back in anguish: Lamb is bowled by Lawson in the one-day international at Old Trafford yesterday. Report, page 48

ROWING

Britain's two new fours for Duisburg

By Jim Railton

There are 71 British entries for the Duisburg International over the weekend. There is also an enormous entry from Eastern and Western Europe. But the Soviet Union are conspicuous by their absence. The British team will be in experimental mood, evaluating new combinations and talent at the beginning of an Olympiad.

There will be particular interest in the new pairing of the 1984 and 1988 Olympic champion, Steve Redgrave, with the 1988 Olympic finalist, Simon Berrisford. They are in the coxless pairs on Saturday, with an unlikely option of the coxed pair on Sunday.

There will be two new British fours. Redgrave's partner in the Olympics, Andy Holmes, joins up with three other Olympians in a coxless four stroked by the experienced Peter Mulkerrins. There will also be a talented coxless four with three world junior medal winners on board.

Great Britain's national squad boasts a coxed four with three from the Olympic eight, together with John Garrett, the Olympic coxed four finalist.

There is an ambitious entry in the men's heavyweight singles sculls. Anton Obholzer, Rorie Henderson and Christopher Andrews compete on both days but will have to find additional pace to make either final.

British crews generally appear less advanced this year than usual. But the world championships are a week later and British policy will be to form final crews at a late stage.

Dorset are ready to take risks

Minor Counties Cricket
By Michael Austin

The Reverend Andrew Wingfield-Digby is swept along on a wave of confidence, as befits the imaginative captain of Dorset, holders of the Holt Cup, whose unwavering policy is to risk losing in order to win.

Last season, Dorset had no professional for the first time in memory but took their first trophy when beating Cambridgeshire off the second ball of the final over. Three of Dorset's games were decided off the last ball.

Richard Lewis, the former Hampshire batsman, has retired and Simon Halliday, the Bath and England rugby centre, is unlikely to be available but otherwise Dorset will rely on last year's players.

John Abrahams, the former Lancashire captain, is the leading newcomer to the Western Division having signed for Shropshire while Oxfordshire have been re-inforced by Stuart Waterton, the former Kent and Northamptonshire wicketkeeper, who will also open the innings.

Berkshire, the division runners-up to Cheshire last year, begin the season fortified by a three-week tour of New Zealand while the fondest hope of Devon, who have lost Roger Twose, a left-handed batsman, to Warwickshire, is that Doug Yeabsley will be fit enough to add to his 734 Minor Counties wickets, 300 more than any other current player in the championship.

Cheshire, maintain a commendable emphasis on spin whereas Wiltshire have enlisted Mark Davis, the former Somerset left-arm seam bowler. Wales, with a sprinkling of former Glamorgan players, aim to improve on last summer, their first in the competition, when they failed to win a championship game.

Yorkshire relish a reunion

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, lead Derbyshire by 116 runs.

Ashley Metcalfe and Martyn Moxon, the Yorkshire opening batsmen, marked their championship reunion with some sparkling strokeplay yesterday.

Sharp and Swallow also reached 50 later and Yorkshire, whose first three matches this year have yielded only one batting point, are poised today to obtain a maximum haul.

Metcalfe always seems to play better when Moxon is at the other end. He drove with panache on both sides of the wicket and dominated a first wicket stand of 94 in 23 overs before Holding had him leg-before as he stretched well forward.

Malcolm took the brunt of the punishment, six successive overs from him costing 48 runs at one point.

Moxon was less dashing than his partner but looked completely sound.

Yorkshire stumbled a little after their good start, with Blakey beaten by Newman and Moxon pushing back a return catch to Warner. Sharp, without looking completely assured, played several neat cover drives as he and Byas added 54.

Sharma, the off-spinner, took two wickets just before tea and when Malcolm ended Byas's patient stay, Yorkshire's chance of further bonus points was in the balance. Swallow, though, surviving two chances, and Carrick added 57 in 19 overs before Holding returned and dismissed Carrick.

Swallow next received good support from Sidebottom and they were still together at the end, despite a severe late examination by Holding. Swallow straight drove Warner for six to reach 50 and went on to make his best championship score.

In the morning Derbyshire's first innings rapidly ended when Sidebottom took the remaining three wickets in eight balls without cost. Overnight rain left the run-up area at one end wet and delayed the start for 15 minutes.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings
P D Bowler c Metcalfe b Carrick 41
C Gladwin b Sidebottom 12
†B J M Maher c Swallow b Carrick 1
J E Morris b Carrick 31
B Roberts c Blakey b Carrick 0
S C Goldsmith lbw b Sidebottom 3
R Sharma b Pickles 39
P G Newman b Sharp b Sidebottom .. 13
A E Warner b Sidebottom 20
*M A Holding c and b Sidebottom 0
D E Malcolm not out 8
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 4, nb 3) 10
Total (82.4 overs) 178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-40, 3-88, 4-88, 5-92, 6-92, 7-140, 8-169, 9-169.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 24.4-14-40-5; Pickles 15-8-37-1; Carrick 25-6-60-4; Booth 9-2-22-0; Swallow 9-5-16-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
M D Moxon c and b Warner 50
A A Metcalfe lbw b Holding 60
R J Blakey b Newman 0
K Sharp c Roberts b Sharma 51
D Byas b Malcolm 30
†D L Bairstow lbw b Sharma 0
I G Swallow not out 50
*P Carrick lbw b Holding 22
A Sidebottom not out 14
Extras (lb 5, w 1, nb 1) 7
Total (7 wkts, 96 overs) 294

C S Pickles and P A Booth to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-99, 3-127, 4-181, 5-181, 6-205, 7-288.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 7, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: J D Bond and D B Thompsett.

Another sell out for trophy

Trent Bridge has completed a treble of Texaco Trophy sell-outs. As the three-match series between England and Australia got underway yesterday, Nottinghamshire announced they had joined Old Trafford and Lord's in selling all their tickets, generating receipts of £180,000 for Saturday's contest.

Brian Robson, the secretary, said: "People who haven't got tickets for the game are advised not to turn up on the day."

● Yorkshire, who have taken £60,000 in the last two weeks, reported advance ticket receipts of £265,000 for the first Cornhill Test at Headingley next month.

A limited number of tickets are still available for the first three days but Yorkshire expect to top the total for last year's Test of £310,000.

● The former England Test players, John Snow, Jim Parks and Ian Thomson will be in action on Sunday as part of Sussex's 150th anniversary celebrations.

They are included in a team of former Sussex cricketers to play Henfield on the village club's ground where cricket has been played for more than 200 years. A similar game has been arranged at Cranleigh on June 4, and on July 30 Jim Parks will captain an Old England team against Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel Castle.

● Phil Russell, aged 45, Derbyshire's coach and former player, has been awarded a benefit year in 1990.

Potter keeps Kent bowlers at bay

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER: Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 114 runs behind Kent

Not for the first time, Kent were stymied yesterday by one of their own. In recent years, Denness, Shepherd, Clinton and Downton have all proved as obdurate towards their old county as Potter was here. His partnership of 96 with Justin Benson is the biggest of the match to date.

Leicestershire had been in some trouble. They lost four wickets relatively cheaply, the ball not coming onto the bat. After Iggleden had Boon leg before on the front foot, Briers, Willey and Whitaker were all caught off mis-timed drives. Pitches in the Midlands never cease to be a talking point.

It would seem that the threat of having 25 points deducted for poor pitch preparation has considerably exercised the groundsman here. If anything, this pitch was slower yesterday than on Wednesday, to the extent that Graham Cowdrey was still having problems with his timing after five hours at the wicket.

This was the second century of a career which promised much at the outset, and not merely on account of his surname. It was the most watchful of innings, the majority of his 12 fours coming from merciless thumps of anything short.

Kent's tail-enders stayed long enough for Cowdrey to reach his century, the innings ending at lunchtime. Leicestershire's reply was hardly less painstaking, other than when Potter was revelling in facing his former colleagues.

His half century came in 133 minutes with seven fours, several of them elegantly driven through the cover ring. And he was ably supported by Benson — no relation to Mark of Kent — whose highest championship score this was. He was out in the last over of the day.

KENT: First Innings
M R Benson b Such 75
T R Ward c Whitticase b Benjamin 11
N R Taylor lbw b Benjamin 4
R F Pienaar b Lewis 35
G R Cowdrey not out 109
*C S Cowdrey c Potter b Lewis 9
†S A Marsh lbw b Willey 12
R M Ellison c Potter b Such 24
C Penn c Potter b Such 0
R P Davis run out 6
A P Iggleden b Potter 5
Extras (b 2, lb 9, nb 7) 18
Total 307

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-19, 3-74, 4-165, 5-183, 6-205, 7-268, 8-266, 9-288.

BOWLING: Benjamin 14-5-28-2; Agnew 29-2-101-0; Lewis 29-5-79-2; Such 28-11-40-3; Willey 18-5-31-1; Potter 5.4-1-17-1.

Score after 100 overs: 226 for 8.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings
T J Boon lbw b Iggleden 2
N E Briers c Ward b Ellison 26
P Willey c and b Davis 38
J J Whitaker c Ellison b C S Cowdrey . 8
L Potter not out 55
J D R Benson c C S Cowdrey b Davis 45
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 1, nb 7) 19
Total (5 wkts, 75.2 overs) 193

C C Lewis, †P Whitticase, W K M Benjamin, J P Agnew and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-64, 3-77, 4-97, 5-193.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Kent 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and B Leadbeater.

Oriel stay in front of chasers

By Jim Railton

Oriel, in their quest for their seventeenth headship in the Oxford men's summer eights, continued to frustrate their immediate pursuers, New College and University, on the second day of the competition yesterday.

In the women's division, Osler House rowed over comfortably. Wadham are now second.

Men
FIRST DIVISION: Balliol bpd Hertford; St John's bpd Keble.
SECOND DIVISION: Wolfson bpd Exeter; New College II bpd Queen's; Jesus bpd Oriel II; St Catherine's bpd Trinity; Brasenose bpd Lincoln.
THIRD DIVISION: St Edmund Hall II bpd Mansfield; Worcester II bpd Oriel III; University II bpd Corpus Christi.
FOURTH DIVISION: Wadham II bpd Magdalen II; Linacre bpd Exeter II; Brasenose II bpd Lincoln II; St Anne's bpd Keble II.
FIFTH DIVISION: St Edmund Hall III as Sandwich boat bpd Exeter III; Wolfson II bpd Christchurch III; University III bpd Keble III; Jesus II bpd Worcester III; Osler House II bpd Trinity II.
SIXTH DIVISION: Pembroke II bpd Keble IV; Hertford III bpd Oriel V; St Catherine's III bpd Oriel IV; St Peter's II bpd Merton III.
SEVENTH DIVISION: Lady Margaret Hall III bpd Mansfield II; Hertford IV bpd St Catherine's IV; St Anne's II bpd Wadham III; New College IV bpd St John's III.
EIGHTH DIVISION: St Hugh's I bpd Lady Margaret Hall IV; University V bpd Exeter IV; Magdalen III bpd St Edmund Hall IV; Templeton bpd Worcester IV.
NINTH DIVISION: Brasenose IV bpd Worcester V; Pembroke IV bpd Oriel VI; St Peter's III bpd Magdalen V; St Anne's III bpd St Edmund Hall V.

Women
FIRST DIVISION: 1, Jesus bpd St Anne's; Wolfson bpd St Hilda's; Pembroke bpd St Hugh's; Wadham bpd Somerville.
SECOND DIVISION: St Edmund Hall bpd Balliol; Somerville II bpd Worcester; Lincoln bpd Keble. St Catherine's bpd Corpus Christi; University bpd St Hugh's II.
THIRD DIVISION: Merton bpd Mansfield; St Peter's bpd St Hughes II; Trinity bpd Lady Margaret Hall II; Magdalen bpd Linacre; St John's bpd Queen's.
FOURTH DIVISION: Osler House II bpd Somerville III; Exeter bpd St Catherine's II; Oriel bpd St Hilda's II.
FIFTH DIVISION: Keble II bpd Pembroke III; Oriel II bpd Worcester II; Pembroke II over bpd Osler House III; Christchurch II bpd St Edmund Hall II; University III bpd Queen's II.

Starting order today
Men
FIRST DIVISION (6.30): Oriel, New College, University, Christ Church, St Edmund Hall, Worcester, Pembroke, St John's, Keble, Balliol, Hertford, Wadham.
SECOND DIVISION (5.30): Magdalene, Brasenose, Lincoln, St Catherine's, Trinity, Jesus, Oriel II, New College II, Queen's, Wolfson, Exeter, St Peter's.
THIRD DIVISION (5.00): University II, Corpus Christi, Osler House, Lady Margaret Hall, Merton, Christ Church II, Hertford II, Worcester II, Oriel III, St Edmund Hall II, Mansfield, Balliol
FOURTH DIVISION (4.00): St Anne's, Keble II, St John's II, Brasenose II, Lincoln II, St Catherine's II, Pembroke II, Linacre, Exeter II, Queen's II, Wadham II, Magdalen II.
FIFTH DIVISION (3.30): Osler House II, Trinity II, Jesus II, Worcester III, New III, University III, Keble III, Wolfson III, Christ Church III, Merton II, Balliol III, St Edmund Hall III.
SIXTH DIVISION (2.20): Exeter III, St Peter's II, Merton III, University IV, Lady Margaret Hall II, Lincoln III, St Catherine's III, Oriel IV, Hertford III, Oriel V, Pembroke III, Keble IV.
SEVENTH DIVISION (1.45): Christ Church IV, New College IV, St John's III, Corpus Christi II, Queen's III, St Anne's II, Wadham III, Brasenose III, Hertford IV, St Catherines IV, Lady Margaret Hall III, Mansfield II.
EIGHTH DIVISION (12.35): Oriel VI, Templeton, Worcester IV, Magdalen III, St Edmund Hall IV, University V, Exeter IV, Magdalen IV, Jesus III, Christ Church V, St Hugh's, Lady Margaret Hall IV.
NINTH DIVISION: (12.00): St Anne's III, St Edmund Hall V, St Hughes II, St Peter's III, Magdalen V, Lincoln IV, Linacre II, Pembroke IV, Oriel VII, Brasenose IV, Worcester V, St Hugh's III, Oriel VIII.

Women
FIRST DIVISION (6.00): Osler House, Wadham, Somerville, Pembroke, St Hugh's, Lady Margaret Hall, Brasenose, New College, Wolfson, St Hilda's, Jesus, St Anne's.
SECOND DIVISION (4.30): University, St Hugh's II, St Catherine's, Corpus Christi, Lincoln, Keble, Christ Church, Somerville II, Worcester, Hertford, St Edmund Hall, Balliol.
THIRD DIVISION (2.55): St John's, Queen's, Magdalen, Linacre, Trinity, Lady Margaret Hall II, Brasenose II, St Peter's, St Hugh's III, New College II, Merton, Mansfield.
FOURTH DIVISION (1.10): Oriel, St Hilda's II, St Hugh's IV, Exeter, St Catherine's II, Wadham II, Jesus II, Wolfson II, University II, Hertford II, Osler House II, Somerville III.
FIFTH DIVISION (11.25): Oriel II, University III, Queens II, Pembroke II, Christ Church II, St Edmund Hall II, Osler House III, Regents Park, Balliol II, Worcester II, Keble III, Pembroke III, Lady Margaret Hall III.

Oxford face a drubbing

By Geoffrey Wheeler

It is doubtful if there will be a more one-sided day's cricket this summer than that played at the Parks yesterday. Oxford University's bowlers conceded 165 runs in the pre-lunch session without taking a wicket before their batsmen fared equally disastrously, as they were bowled out for 92 in reply to the Middlesex score of 358 for one.

The county's second wicket pair, Ian Hutchinson, who turned a maiden century into this season's second double hundred and Mike Roseberry, who also claimed his first hundred in first-class cricket, had put on 256 when acting captain Paul Downton called a halt.

A newcomer, David Boden, took a wicket with his third ball to start the Oxford collapse, finishing with four for 11. Middlesex, who did not impose the follow-on, lead by 299 with all second innings wickets in hand.

Cambridge, who, on present form, are strong favourites for the University match, also toiled against Essex at Fenner's. But although Stephenson, Prichard and Mark Waugh all passed 50, none was allowed to go on to three figures, although Garnham was unbeaten with 55 when Essex declared at 347 for six, a lead of 214.

Stephen James, with an unbeaten 52, led Cambridge to 77 for one in their second innings.

Oxford U v Middx

THE PARKS: Middlesex, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 299 runs ahead of Oxford University

MIDDLESEX: First Innings
J D Carr c Higgo b Edwards 80
I J F Hutchinson not out 201
M A Roseberry not out 101
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 1) 6
Total (1 wkt dec) 358

M R Ramprakash, †K R Brown, J F Sykes, P C R Tufnell, *P R Downton, D Boden, N F Williams and S P Hughes did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-112.

BOWLING: Hester 15-2-73-0; Oppenheimer 16-4-79-0; Crawley 22-5-86-0; Edwards 22-0-84-1; Lunn 3-0-25-0; Hampton 4-0-17-0.

Second Innings
M R Ramprakash not out 18
*P R Downton not out 14
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (no wkt) 33

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings
S A Almaer b Boden 0
R E Morris c and b Carr 16
*M A Crawley c Hutchinson b Boden . 14
D A Hagan c Downton b Hughes 2
P D Lunn c Ramprakash b Sykes 14
J Higgo b Sykes 3
A N S Hampton c Boden b Tufnell 19
†C W Tinsley c Brown b Boden 5
E D Hester b Sykes 0
P G Edwards not out 5
J M E Oppenheimer lbw b Boden 0
Extras (b 9, lb 4) 13
Total 92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-28, 3-34, 4-38, 5-50, 6-77, 7-77, 8-77, 9-92.

BOWLING: Williams 8-4-13-0; Boden 10.5-5-11-4; Carr 5-2-9-1; Hughes 6-4-3-1; Tufnell 16-7-21-1; Sykes 12-5-22-3.

Umpires: V A Holder and A A Jones.

Cambridge Univ v Essex

FENNER'S: Cambridge University, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 137 runs behind Essex

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 133 (M C Ilott 4 for 26).

Second Innings
S P James not out 52
R Heap lbw b Lever 19
*M A Atherton not out 3
Extras (b 2, w 1) 3
Total (1 wkt) 77

J M G Wiltch, J C M Atkinson, M J Morris, †A Davies, R A Pyman, D J Bush, D C Cotton and M F Mullins to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60.

ESSEX: First Innings
*B R Hardie c Davies b Bush 0
J P Stephenson b Cotton 63
A W Lilley c Davies b Bush 18
M E Waugh lbw b Atherton 92
P J Prichard c Davies b Bush 88
G Miller c Morris b Atherton 5
†M A Garnham not out 55
K Butler not out 19
Extras (b 4, lb 10, w 1, nb 3) 18
Total (6 wkts dec) 347

M C Ilott, J H Childs and J K Lever did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-34, 3-112, 4-265, 5-267, 6-296.

BOWLING: Bush 18-8-64-3; Pyman 28-4-71-0; Mullins 13-1-60-0; Atherton 25-4-80-2; Cotton 11-0-58-1.

Umpires: B Dudleston and H J Rhodes.

Murray punishes Irish

A superb 135 from the 21-year-old New Zealander, Darren Murray, took Northamptonshire to a 61-run victory in their one-day game against Ireland at Downpatrick yesterday.

Murray, on a scholarship from Christchurch, was sixth out for 228 in the 57th over. He shared an opening partnership of 122 in 32 overs with Nigel Felton and then dominated the rest of the innings as Northants made 243 for eight in their 60 overs.

Junior McBrine was Ireland's leading wicket-taker with three for 28, and he then gave Ireland an outside chance of victory with 70 off just 39 balls with eight fours and two sixes.

He added 66 for the eighth wicket with Nigel Thompson.

DOWNPATRICK: Northamptonshire 243 for 8 (D Murray 135). Ireland 182 all out. Northamptonshire win by 61 runs.

Surrey reveal a deft hand

By Jack Bailey

THE OVAL: Lancashire, with all second-innings wickets in hand, lead Surrey by 96 runs

In spite of Lancashire's useful lead after Fowler and Mendis had batted through the last 12 overs, Surrey have not only held the better cards, but thus far have played them with greater deftness.

The initiative they grasped early in the piece has seldom been in danger of leaving them. Greig's declaration in the wake of a fine second century of the season from Darren Bicknell and 57 behind Lancashire (scored from 32 fewer overs than they bowled at the championship leaders) was the gesture of a man with a strong belief in the hand he holds.

Certainly he has made Lancashire an offer they can hardly refuse in terms of leaving Surrey a run-chase on the final day. The pitch is excellent and, on this day's evidence, Surrey's batsmen are in a confident frame of mind.

Bicknell led the way in his upright and graceful left-handed way — two wafted sixes over long-off and long-on were interspersed with nine handsome fours — and both Stewart and Ward timed the ball well during briefer but similarly-impressive innings.

Lancashire ensured themselves a say in the outcome by continuing to bat with determination and by adding 61 for the last two wickets on a bright sunlit morning. Hughes continued on his solid way to a captain's half-century which spanned 3½ hours. Young J Dexter Fitton (a useful name in this day and age) played promisingly until an over-confident drive at Murphy undid him.

Fitton, the natural successor to Jack Simmonds, who cannot go on for ever, had mixed fortunes with the ball, but his flighted off-spin showed distinct promise. He had the wicket of Stewart in his first seven overs, which cost 23 runs, but then felt the power of the long handle at the hands of Bicknell and Ward.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings
G D Mendis c Medlycott b Murphy 11
G Fowler c Ward b Feltham 20
†W K Hegg c Ward b Medlycott 58
N H Fairbrother c Ward b Greig 26
T E Jesty c Ward b Feltham 38
M Watkinson c D J Bicknell b Medlycott 2
Wasim Akram c M P Bicknell b Medlycott 2
*D P Hughes not out 50
I D Austin c Stewart b Medlycott 0
J D Fitton b Murphy 19
P J W Allott c Alikhan b M P Bicknell .. 9
Extras (b 13, lb 5, w 1, nb 2) 21
Total (91.1 overs) 257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-51, 3-112, 4-126, 5-136, 6-140, 7-190, 8-194, 9-232.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 27.1-6-67-1; Murphy 20-3-62-2; Feltham 17-5-33-2; Thorpe 2-0-17-0; Greig 2-0-18-1; Medlycott 23-8-42-4.

Second Innings
G D Mendis not out 20
G Fowler not out 18
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (no wkt) 39

SURREY: First Innings
G S Clinton c Mendis b Austin 15
D J Bicknell not out 100
R I Alikhan c Austin b Watkinson 16
A J Stewart c Hughes b Fitton 31
†D M Ward not out 24
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 8) 14
Total (3 wkts dec, 80 overs) 200

G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, A J Murphy and M P Bicknell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-66, 3-143.

BOWLING: Akram 14-2-33-0; Allott 16-8-43-0; Watkinson 10-2-45-1; Austin 7-4-15-1; Fitton 13-2-58-1.

Bonus points: Surrey 6, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J C Balderstone.

MPs agree to a bipartisan view on sport

By David Powell

A parliamentary group committed to tackling non-political issues in sport was launched yesterday in an attempt to promote participation at local and community level.

The All Party Parliamentary Sports Group, to be jointly chaired by Roy Hughes MP (Labour) and Dick Tracey MP (Conservative), will hold its first meeting within the month to define its prime objectives.

The group has been reformed, after a 10-year gap, following the Institute of Sports Sponsorship's desire to encourage greater realization in Parliament that many issues in sport should not have a political connection.

Peter Lawson, the Institute's secretary, said: "Most Parliamentarians think that sport is all football and racing, and we have got to break that prejudice."

Issues likely to be in the forefront of the group's campaign include the selling-off of playing fields, the prospective erosion of free schools sports trips, such as life-saving instruction at local swimming pools, and the decline of cricket in schools.

BADMINTON

England's fate to be settled in play-off

From Richard Eaton, Jakarta

Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers, who have just been reunited as a pair, were the only players to salvage much consolation from the second successive 5-0 defeat for England, this time in South Korea, in the Sudirman Cup world team championships here yesterday.

Clark and Gowers, the former European champions, went the full distance with Chung Myung Hee, who won two All England titles this year, and Hwang Hye Yung — a pair which may well be the best women's partnership in the world. There was some spirited defending from the English and an inspired spell of created openings from Clark in the second game before they went down 15-9, 11-15, 15-7.

England, however, will now be obliged to take part in a relegation play-off tomorrow which will decide whether or not they stay in the top group. At least they will have had a day's rest while their opponents, Sweden or Denmark, have to play again today. South Korea, meanwhile, meet the difficult Indonesians but still look a fair bet to make a serious challenge to China in the final.

China, the official favourites, made short work of the best European country, Denmark, by 5-0. By contrast, Scotland are preparing to celebrate promotion from the fourth division. Their 3-2 win over West Germany was followed by a 4-1 success over Australia and if they beat Poland today they will have completed a clean sweep.

Their hero was Dan Travers, one of the game's great characters and who had a share in one of only three Scottish gold medals in the Commonwealth Games. Travers took the risk of playing two matches in the energy-sapping heat, yet with a steady performance, came up with victories in both men's and mixed doubles. Scotland also remain unbeaten in women's events, with Anne Gibson, aged 20, again winning her singles

RESULTS: First division: China 5, Denmark 0; South Korea 5, England 0. Fourth division: Scotland 4, Australia 1. Fifth division: United States 5, Austria 0; New Zealand 4, Finland 1. Sixth division: Sri Lanka 5, Nepal 0.

SCHOOLS CRICKET

Rugby come good after long lunch

By George Chesterton

Clifton were put in to bat on the Close at Rugby but their innings was interrupted by a lunch interval extended to accommodate the ceremonial inspection of the Rugby Cadet Force. In an all-round batting effort they compiled 180.

A promising stand of 39 between Windows and Henderson never developed and resistance crumbled with the loss of the sixth wicket, Fitch taking a magnificent diving catch at mid wicket to dismiss Briggs with the score at 171. Gow, bowling off breaks enjoyed the long rest of the lunch interval and earned his figures of six for 57.

Montgomerie, the Rugby captain, and Leslie, his reliable partner, batted with assurance, but good fielding, astute field placing and steady bowling limited their progress. Both openers lost their wickets trying to force the pace but Rugby raced to a well-judged six wicket victory with Corkill playing an important innings.

SCORES: Clifton 180 (W Gow 6 for 57). Rugby 181 for 4 (R Montgomerie 42, S Corkill 61).

TENNIS

Becker plays key role in German cup win

From Richard Evans, Düsseldorf

Boris Becker's victories in singles and doubles against Switzerland kept West Germany on course for the final of the Peugeot World Team Cup, a competition the host nation has never won since its inception in 1978.

Having beaten Jakob Hlasek 6-3, 6-4, Becker needed to win the doubles with Eric Jelen after Patrick Kuhnen, deputising for the injured Carl-Uwe Steeb, had lost in straight sets to Claudio Mezzadri.

In the end the victory was not easily achieved. Losing concentration midway through the second set, Becker allowed Hlasek and Heinz Gunthardt to break his serve and force the German pair into a third set.

They came through it unscathed and at least provided an extra half hour's entertainment for a fervently patriotic crowd on another glorious evening.

To qualify for the final, West Germany will have to overcome the United States who defeated Spain yesterday, when Rick Leach and Jim Pugh beat Javier Sanchez and Sergio Casal 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the deciding rubber.

Meanwhile, many ATP officials and quite a few players have been foregoing the sunshine to attend numerous meetings in progress here.

Stefan Edberg and Amelio Sanchez were among those who contributed lengthily to the ranking committee's deliberations on a possible change in the system which governs entries and seedings but, after two days, no conclusion has been reached.

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Old rivals: Simon Barnes on David Gower and Allan Border

Football's greatest foes meet at Hampden Park

Victory a boon for England

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (England won the toss): England beat Australia by 95 runs.

Three early incisions by the England strike force crippled Australia's batting and took all the mystery out of this opening international in the Texaco Trophy series. From 17 for three, with their most dangerous players dismissed, Australia's pursuit of 232 was a hopeless cause.

It made for the sort of anti-climactic match which will be forgotten depressingly quickly, but England are unlikely to be worried by that. The drums have been rolling dangerously long and loud in the build-up to this season; England's new hierarchy have spread such enthusiasm that they were expected to change the world. An emphatic victory like this will relieve a little of the pressure.

The Australians, however, will rightly be dismayed. The official one-day world champions will not wish to play this badly again on tour. They bowled charitably with the new ball (a traditional Duke, by captains' agreement), fielded scruffily in the important closing overs of the England innings and then, with a reasonable target to chase, failed even to compete with the bat.

David Gower had spoken a shade flippantly on Wednesday about the "psychological advantage" which would be claimed by the winners of this series, but there was a genuine mental lift for the England bowlers in, at the first attempt of the summer, dispatching Boon, Jones and Border for a combined cost of 13 runs.

These are the batsmen on whom Australian confidence is based, but yesterday they were swept dismissively aside in the crucial phase of the game.

Boon's form has been so sublimely good that it was possible to detect complacency in the drive he aimed at a good-length ball from DeFreitas, the man of the match, which removed his off stump; Jones, helmeted after his cheekbone fracture, did not get enough of the bat on an attempted leg glance against Foster; then Border, playing back when arguably he should have been forward, was bowled by a beauty from Foster which darted back off the pitch.

Marsh, theoretically the anchor among the aggressors, found himself marooned. With Waugh for company, he could only hope to see out the storm before looking to accelerate. He managed the first part of the plan but decidedly not the second. After languishing 29 overs for 17 runs, he got himself in a desperate tangle against Emburey and was acrobatically caught by Rhodes, diving towards short leg.

Although Waugh remained positive and Moody played some pleasant strokes, the rest was academic and Australia did not even make a show of retrieving respectability.

Emburey, tight as ever but also turning the odd ball, picked up three wickets in a spell which will have done much for his confidence but, with the outcome apparent so long before the end, boredom set in among the 21,000 crowd. They resorted to yet another performance of the ridiculous Mexican wave and, tiresomely, hurled into the air torn-up paper which blew across the ground.

Many spectators at this sort of game are more interested in big hitting and spectacular finishes than in the result. Most of this crowd, I dare say, would have gone home rather more happily if Botham, on his triumphant return, had played the dominant role.

But this was not the great all-rounder's day. He scored only four runs after striding out to a deafening roar and took only the last Australian wicket. He did, however, bowl tidily enough to justify inclusion and anticipation of epic batting will keep the turnstiles clicking a while longer yet.

England had set off as if 300 was well within their compass. Gooch and Gower put on 55 in 11 overs, making the pitch look better and the bowling worse than it really was. Lawson suffered severely against some exquisite blows from Gower, who seemed about to demonstrate the wisdom of his decision to open with a big score when a good ball from Rackemann committed him around off stump.

Gatting found yet another weird way to get out, the ball ballooning fully 20 yards off pad and bat to cover. Gooch was another to leave cursing, for, having batted all morning for an untroubled 52, he fell to a top-edged sweep when Border came on for the last over before lunch.

The best batting of the day came from Robin Smith, emphasizing the formidable form in which he has been all season. But, from 161 for three, in the fortieth over, England lost their way and not a boundary was struck in the last 12 overs.

SCOREBOARD FROM OLD TRAFFORD

England won toss

ENGLAND

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Jones b Border	52	–	4	134	111
*D I Gower c Healy b Rackemann	36	1	5	49	33
*M W Gatting c Boon b Waugh	3	–	–	20	12
A J Lamb b Lawson	35	–	–	80	59
R A Smith c and b Alderman	35	–	4	41	40
I T Botham c Boon b Lawson	4	–	–	9	12
D R Pringle lbw b Waugh	9	–	–	40	18
†S J Rhodes b Lawson	8	–	–	16	16
P A J DeFreitas not out	17	–	–	33	20
J E Emburey b Rackeman	10	–	–	14	11
N A Foster not out	5	–	–	4	3
Extras (lb 12, w 3, nb 2)	17				
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	231				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-70, 3-125, 4-161, 5-167, 6-179, 7-190, 8-203, 9-220.
BOWLING: Alderman 11-2-38-1 (nb 1); Lawson 11-1-48-3 (w 1); Rackemann 10-1-33-2 (nb 1); Waugh 11-1-45-2 (nb 3, w 2); Moody 8-0-37-0; Border 4-0-18-1.

AUSTRALIA

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G R Marsh c Rhodes b Emburey	17	–	1	92	78
D C Boon b DeFreitas	5	–	–	15	9
D M Jones c Rhodes b Foster	4	–	1	15	15
*A R Border b Foster	4	–	1	7	6
S R Waugh C Smith B DeFreitas	35	–	2	81	74
T M Moody b Emburey	24	–	–	43	38
M R J Veletta lbw b Pringle	17	–	1	32	31
†I A Healy c Emburey b Foster	10	–	1	22	20
G F Lawson c DeFreitas b Emburey	0	–	–	2	1
C G Rackeman b Botham	6	–	–	20	9
T M Alderman not out	0	–	–	2	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 4)	14				
Total (47.1 overs)	136				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-13, 3-17, 4-64, 5-85, 6-115, 7-119, 8-120, 9-136.
BOWLING: Foster 10-3-29-3 (w 2); DeFreitas 8-3-19-2; Pringle 8-2-19-1 (w 1); Botham 10.1-1-28-1 (w 1); Emburey 11-0-31-3.

Man of the Match: P A J DeFreitas.

Umpires: J W Holder and N T Plews.

CHRIS COLE

Crashing pillar of the Australian game: Boon is swept dismissively aside by DeFreitas

History casts Arsenal in impossible role

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Arsenal's journey to the North-West tonight promises to end as dishearteningly as it did 37 years ago. Then, on the last day of the season, they went to Old Trafford needing to beat Manchester United by seven clear goals to win the title. They lost 6-1.

Tonight, in the closing fixture of the first division programme, to be televised live from Anfield, they must beat Liverpool by two clear goals to be crowned as champions. The attempt to reach the necessary target seems certain to be as futile as it was in 1952.

Consider, for example, the following illuminating statistics. Of the two visiting sides to have won at Anfield this season, only one managed to score twice. Since it was Newcastle United, who were eventually relegated, even that result at the beginning of October can be considered a freak.

Only two teams playing at home to Liverpool have achieved the feat now required by Arsenal. They were West Ham United, in the fourth round of the Littlewoods Cup back in November, and Manchester United, with a final flourish on New Year's Day which suggested that expectations at Old Trafford might be fulfilled.

But it was Liverpool who were inspired by the occasion. Against Aston Villa 48 hours later they started an unbeaten sequence which, 24 games later, has yet to be broken. Along the way they reduced the lead held by Arsenal, once of 19 points, to nought.

The 5-1 victory over West Ham on Tuesday night lifted them three points ahead, a margin which would appear to be decisive even if Liverpool were not in such irresistible form. Not since February 22 in 1986, when Everton won 2-0, have they suffered a significant defeat at home.

Arsenal's last glimmer of realistic hope disappeared yesterday when Hansen, who limped off in midweek, confirmed that he would be available. The presence of the central defender, so calm amid the fiercest pressure, will reassure his colleagues during an opening which will inevitably be aflame with passion.

Kenny Dalglish is left only with the decision whether to retain Rush or recall Beardsley, a choice between extravagant talents. Indeed, it is the range of Liverpool's gifted individuals which makes them the strongest side in the country. But for injuries, the climax would doubtless not have been so belated.

Nor might it have been if Arsenal had held their nerve. Once it began to crack, George Graham felt he had to reinforce their security at the beginning of last month by introducing a sweeper system. He abandoned it against Wimbledon a fortnight ago and is expected to select an orthodox rearguard tonight.

Even if Arsenal's attacking formation is sufficiently incisive, a doubtful prospect in the absence of Davis and Marwood, their defence is unlikely to be able to protect Lukic. In the last five months, after all, Everton alone have contained Liverpool – in their first appearance after the Hillsborough disaster.

Dalglish, typically, is not assuming that his side will complete their second double in three years. "We are under no illusion that it will be anything other than difficult," he said yesterday. "Whatever the outcome, the players have been magnificent this season in terms of their effort and their contribution."

It would be astonishing if they failed to claim their tenth title in 13 years. Yet Arsenal have nothing to lose and are sure to play their part (as, creditably, they have throughout the season) during an evening which promises to be uniquely exciting.

Fashanu likely to keep his place

By Stuart Jones

John Fashany may keep his place in England's attack for the Rous Cup tie against Scotland at Hampden Park tomorrow. The surprises do not end there. Nigel Clough, his ineffective partner during the goalless draw against Chile on Tuesday, may also be retained in the line-up to be announced today.

The choice of Fashanu, in particular, would be astonishing. Although he has completed an unlikely recovery from a locked knee, he does not deserve to be considered either on merit or for disciplinary reasons. Inadequate and ill-behaved, as was confirmed in mid-week, he should no longer be in contention. But, unlike a linesman, England's manager did not see Fashanu elbowing a Chilean in the face off the ball and he indicated yesterday that the miscreant remains in his plans. "I am not sure whether it is fair to play people for one game and then discard them," Bobby Robson said.

Tony Cottee, ironically himself the victim of a disciplinary measure, is expected to be restricted to a substitute's role yet again. Sent off for retaliating during an Under-21 game in West Germany two years ago, he was omitted from the next three senior internationals and is still awaiting his official debut.

He was first used as an understudy in Sweden in 1986, the year in which he was voted the young player of the year and has since been brought on five times. His international career, in his own words, has "stood still" and shows no immediate signs of progressing.

Bobby Robson is more justified in overlooking Steve Bull. In spite of collecting three Under-21 and two B caps in the last three months, his experience is limited. Yet to play even in the second division with Wolverhampton Wanders, he could still, like Cottee, make an abbreviated appearance tomorrow.

Although England's manager is reluctant to dispense with two newcomers, he is likely to drop two others. Paul Gascoigne and Paul Parker, who also made their full debuts on Tuesday, will probably be replaced by Trevor Steven and Gary Stevens. Unavailable because of injury in midweek, both have recovered.

The Scots, on the other hand, may have three players doubtful because of injury. McCoist, who was originally withdrawn but returned at his own insistence, has been joined as a doubtful starter by McClair and Whyte.

ENGLAND (probable): P Shilton; G Stevens, D Walker, T Butcher, S Pearce, T Steven, N Webb, B Robson, C Waddle, J Fashanu, N Clough.

● West Germany have returned most of their ticket allocation to the Wales FA for the World Cup qualifying match at the National Stadium in Cardiff next Wednesday. It is now likely that there will be fewer than 1,000 German supporters at the match.

The Welsh FA secretary, Alun Evans, said: "We are surprised to have the tickets returned at this stage."

Gower gets Dexter's seal of approval

By Andrew Longmore

Imaginative, brave, positive – David Gower must have felt all the superlatives had come at once. And from the new chairman of selectors too. Ted Dexter was certainly impressed by his new captain.

"His vision of the game really did work," Dexter said after yesterday's resounding victory. "It was David's idea to open and it was a very brave thing to do. Coming back as captain it would have been very easy to go down quietly at No. 5 and then field first.

But he said: 'I'll open', and when he won the toss he said: 'We'll bat.' Then he went out and produced it. He's been positive all the way along and deserves a lot of credit."

In a quiet moment, Gower, not a man to overlook irony, might reflect on the last day he captained England three years ago. Imagination and being positive were not regarded as his prime attributes then.

Gower himself was certainly not going to disagree with Dexter's glowing report but neither was he going to be carried away with visions of a brave new world. One battle has been fought. The war remains to be won.

"It was a nice all-round performance. Everyone did their bit. At one point I felt we would get more runs but in the end it didn't matter because we bowled so well. It's a bit early to launch into talk of a new era. The next thing is to win at Trent Bridge."

The one long face in a packed Old Trafford belonged to his opposite number Allan Border. "That was our worst one-day performance for some time but there are no real dramas. We were beaten by a very good England side," he said.

MP in tirade against 'cultural vandalism'

Listeners to BBC Radio's Test match commentaries found an ally in the House of Commons yesterday as Tony Marlow, the Conservative MP, described the plans to end ball-by-ball commentaries as "cultural vandalism".

To cries of "hear, hear" from his fellow Conservatives, Marlow, the member for Northampton North, called for an urgent debate on the "cultural vandalism of the BBC in its proposal to tamper with ball-by-ball commentary on *Test Match Special*".

"Cricket, cathedrals, Land of Hope and Glory, an enduring distrust of foreigners and the continuing premiership of the Prime Minister define classically the best of England," he said. "It would be a disaster and a catastrophe of the first order if any of these were damaged or destroyed."

But John Wakeham, the Commons leader, turned down the request.

English athletes sought my help, Johnson's doctor says

From John Goodbody, Toronto

Ben Johnson's doctor yesterday said that he had been approached by English athletes for advice on banned anabolic steroid drugs.

Dr Mario Jamie Astaphan, speaking under oath at a government inquiry, said that competitors from a large number of countries had sought his help, including the United States, Italy, Australia, Sweden, Finland, East German and Bulgaria.

He did not give the names of any of these athletes except for Pierfrancesco Pavoni, the Italian sprinter, who, he claimed, underwent a programme of drugs similar to that of Johnson and the rest of the Canadian sprinters.

Astaphan, speaking on the second day of his evidence to the inquiry which was called after Johnson was found positive for anabolic steroids after the Olympic 100 metres final, described a meeting with a Dutch coach at the European Athletics championships in Budapest last year, to which Dr Astaphan had gone to treat Pavoni.

"We exchanged whatever information we had," he told Mr Justice Dubin, who is heading the commission. Asked whether the taking of anabolic steroids was particularly prevalent in Europe, Astaphan replied: "It (the drug) is being used all over the world, including every country athletes come from."

Astaphan also said he knew of seven chemical compound agents which were not banned and all masked the presence of anabolic steroids, widely used in sport to add muscle weight and to aid recovery time following intensive exercise.

These, he emphasized, did not include probenecid, customarily used for the treatment of gout, which was found in the urine of Pedro Delgado, the Spanish cyclist, during his victorious ride in last year's Tour de France.

The drug, which has now been banned in international cycling, had been proscribed by the International Amateur Athletics Federation in 1987 because it was believed to have been used by competitors to mask the presence of the performance-enhancing drugs.

Astaphan also claimed that derivatives of another drug, dihydrotestosterone, were "totally undetectable" by the present testing methods being carried out by the 11 laboratories accredited to the International Olympic Committee.

He said that he knew how you could take anabolic steroids in the morning, run in the afternoon, and not get caught in the testing.

Astaphan, who earlier in the hearing said he had given Johnson between 50 and 60 injections of banned drugs, could not throw any light on how the world's 100 metres record holder was caught in Seoul.

He confirmed earlier testimony that Johnson had come off banned drugs by September 2, three weeks before the 100 metres final. The drugs he was taking did not include stanozolol, which was found in his urine.

After the drug test had proved positive, he confronted Johnson three times in a room in the Hilton Hotel in Seoul and asked him whether he had taken pink tablets, the colour of stanozolol compounds. "He said 'no'. But I knew he was lying from the sheepish look on his face he had done something," Astaphan said.

He said that Johnson was not "maliciously" lying and gave evidence that the sprinter who had carried his drugs around in a blue Samsonite case, together with musical tapes, had acquired drugs from other sources.

McEnroe's Beckenham date

John McEnroe, who has worked his way back to seventh place in the world rankings, has agreed to play in the Direct Line tennis tournament at Beckenham from June 5 to 11 as part of his build-up for Wimbledon.

He was forced to pull out of the French open championship, which starts next week, because of back trouble, but has been advised by his doctor to take just a week off.

The sponsors of the competition now hope that McEnroe's fellow American and arch rival, Jimmy Connors, will also appear at the tournament.

In addition, McEnroe is reported to have promised to appear in the Bank of Scotland grass-court championships at Craiglockhart from June 13 to 18.

● PARIS (Reuter): Chris Evert has pulled out of the French Open, where she has won the women's singles a record seven times, organisers said yesterday. On Wednesday Evert was defeated by Barbara Paulus, aged 19, at the European open championship in Geneva.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Dual role is banned

Mickey Duff has threatened to hand in his boxing promoter's licence after hearing that the British Boxing Board of Control yesterday passed a rule which will prevent promoters doubling up as a managers.

Duff, who has staged many big domestic bouts and manages, among others, Michael Watson, Lloyd Honeyghan and Duke McKenzie, suggested that his show at Wembley on June 7 would be his last in Britain. The board believes that the dual role leads to a conflict of interests.

Going west

The English Indoor Bowling Association has announced that all preparations for next winter's home international series will take place at the Bentham Centre in Gloucestershire.

Duff: threatened to quit

Tyson offer

Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight champion, has been challenged by an American footballer with no boxing experience. Tony Mandarich, a 6ft 6in defensive tackle, is being handled by Dan Duva, who has offered Tyson a deal worth $35 million to defend against Mandarich and Evander Holyfield, the world No. 1 contender.

Venue switch

Because of renovation work at the Kelvin Hall, Donnie Hood will now challenge Ray Minus, of the Bahamas, for the Commonwealth bantamweight title, at the Bellahouston Sports Centre, Glasgow, on June 27.

NHL beckons

Moscow (AP) – Vyacheslav Fetisov, Igor Larionov and Sergei Makarov, ice hockey players from the Soviet Union, have been demobbed from the Red Army and freed to play in the National Hockey League in North America.

Mapped out

Nine British orienteers have been named to run in the final British world championship team trial in Sweden in July:

MEN: S Hale (Perth), J Musgrave (Grampian), R Jones (Glasgow University), S Palmer (Walton Chasers), M. Begness (Warrior).

WOMEN: G Hale (Cleveland), J Ramsden (Lakeland), Y Hague (Edinburgh University), C Whalley (Edinburgh Interlopers).

Spectators' bill threat

By Andrew Longmore

Clubs unable to meet the stringent anti-hooligan measures proposed by the government in its Bill for the national membership scheme might have to play some games behind closed doors, the minister of sport, Colin Moynihan, said yesterday.

"It would not be economic or realistic to expect all clubs to have all-seat stadiums but if, for example, Aldershot were drawn to play Liverpool at home and they could not comply with the terms of the membership scheme their licence would be revoked and no spectators would be allowed in to watch the game," he explained.

Speaking at Old Trafford, where he was watching the first Texaco trophy match, the minister did not rule out the possibility of a further licence being required by clubs for potentially "high risk" games.

"If the Bill becomes law, clubs will need two licences one for safety and one under the national membership scheme.

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